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FRI

High 67° Low 33°

SAT

High 61° Low 35°

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High 60° Low 34°



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Pvt. 2 Clayton Harper, an anti-armor specialist with A Co., 3/15 Inf., fires a live missile from the Javelin.

Javelin makes hit with 3rd Inf. Div.

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke
Hunter Public Affairs Office

The Javelin has finally found its place with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech). Although it was introduced to the Army almost six years ago via the Ranger Regiment, soldiers with the 10th Engineer Battalion and the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment got a chance to be the first in the division to experience up close and in person the fire and forget, antitank missile during a live-fire exercise held Dec. 1 in Kuwait. Due to a number of system improvements, the Javelin outshines its predecessor, the Dragon, by a long shot — literally, according to Maj. Eric Fletcher, Army Close Combat Missile Systems. In addition to having a range of 2,500 meters, almost twice as long as the Dragon, the Javelin’s soft launch system allows the shooter to fire and move to either reload or find a new position. The system includes an imaging

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Maj. Eric Fletcher
Army Close Combat Missile Systems

infrared site, which can be used in the daytime and at night. “The Javelin’s site unit costs \$126,000 each and is reusable,” Fletcher said. “Each missile costs \$78,000. The site system uses an infrared scope and thermal imagery to detect the target. Once the soldier locks on a target, a seeker inside the missile remembers the direction.” Although \$78,000 a shot might seem a little pricey to some, the cost is worth it when compared to the damage it causes, Fletcher said.

“It’s really a drop in the bucket compared to other weapons systems,” he explained. “You think, you drop a round in one of these for \$78,000 but it defeats a tank and those cost millions. So, it’s a pretty good return on your investment.” Pfc. Daniel Ranson, a gunner with A Company, 10th Engineers and Pvt. 2 Clayton Harper, an anti-armor specialist with A Company, 3/15th Inf., were selected to be the first to fire the system. Both soldiers earned the honor by being the top scorers during Javelin qualifications held at an earlier date. The soldiers trained on the Javelin with a MILES training device and a desktop computer. “It’s high speed — a lot better than the AT-4,” Ranson said. “Over the AT-4 and the Dragon system, it is a tank killer. It’s more mobile — it’s a one-man carry, so it’s about 30 pounds lighter than the Dragon system. It’s

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'Southern Living' station of choice closer to reality

Special to The Frontline

Officials announced Tuesday the Army’s choice for the private sector partner to work with Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield leaders to eliminate inadequate family housing here under the Army’s Residential Communities Initiative. GMH Military, L.L.C., of Newton Square, Pa., is being awarded a contract for the Fort Stewart and Hunter family housing privatization project. This announcement brings the installations closer to the “Southern Living” station of choice goals Fort Stewart and Hunter officials have been working on for 18 months to attract more soldiers and their families to the Coastal Empire. “Eighteen months of hard work has paid off,” said Col. Gerald Poltorak, Fort Stewart Garrison Commander. “It’s a great day for Stewart and Hunter soldiers and families.” Within six months the contractor and

planners here will prepare a Community Development and Management Plan. Once approved by the Army, OMB, the Dept. of Defense and Congress project implementation will commence. Construction is estimated to begin in 2004. Fort Stewart and Hunter planners are dedicated to building 21st Century, world-class, quality residential communities for soldiers and their families. The contractor will renovate, maintain and operate nearly 3,000 existing homes on post and construct about 775 new homes within the first four years. The Army’s housing privatization program began with four projects and will expand to 28 projects by the end of fiscal year (FY) 2005. These 28 RCI projects represent more than 69,000 homes — close to 80 percent of the Army Family Housing inventory across the United States. For more information on the Army’s RCI program go to www.rci.army.mil.

Bush orders smallpox vaccine for military

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush Dec. 13 announced he has ordered smallpox vaccinations to begin for military personnel. He also recommended medical personnel and first responders receive the vaccine, but on a voluntary basis. Administration officials stopped short of recommending widespread vaccinations of the American public. “Men and women who could be on the frontlines of a biological attack must be protected,” the president said during an afternoon press briefing in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The president stressed his decision was not based on a specific threat, but on the renewed focus on security brought about by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the subsequent anthrax attacks through the mail. “To protect our citizens in the aftermath of Sept. 11, we are evaluating old threats in a new light.” President George W. Bush

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Holiday at the gates

The following gate hours are effective for the dates and times indicated for the holiday period beginning today through Jan. 1. Normal gate operations will resume 5 a.m. on Jan. 2.

Gate #1 (Main Gate): Open 24 hours

Gate #2 (Troop Gate): Closed. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #3 (Harmon Avenue/GA 47): Closes at 5 p.m. for inbound traffic and at 7 p.m. for outbound traffic today.

Gate #4 (Bryan Village): Closed. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #5 (Gulick Avenue): Open 24 hours

Gate #7 (15th Street): Closed. Reopens 5 a.m. Jan. 2.

Gate #8 (Frank Cochran): Closes at 5 p.m. for inbound traffic and at 7 p.m. for outbound traffic.

Checkpoint #11 (Wright Army Airfield): Open 24 hours.

Checkpoint D (Hwy 144W): Closed. Range control will be open as needed.



Photos by Spc. Jason Hare

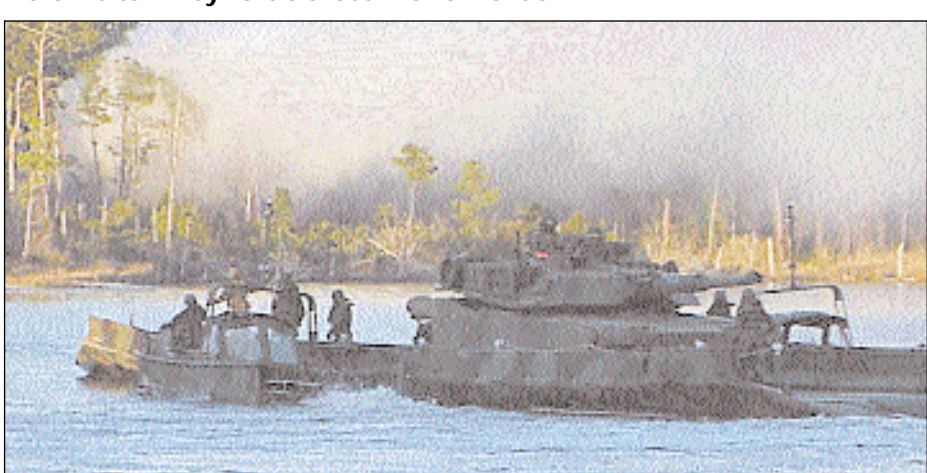
Soldiers move back and forth across 320 meters of Improved Ribbon Bridging spanning French Creek, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The bridge was built by soldiers and Marines part of a joint operation between soldiers from Fort Stewart and Fort Brag and Marines from Camp Lejeune during Operation Joint Fist Dec. 2 to 9.

Spanning the gap

Marines, soldiers team up for 'Operation Joint Fist'



(Above) Marines from the 8th Eng. Support Bn. begin construction on a 35 meter Medium Girder Bridge during the exercise.
(Below) Marines from the 8th Eng. Support Bn. transport an M1A1 Abrams tank by raft across French Creek.



Capt. Jeremiah Johnson

Engineer Brigade

It is not often in times of peace that soldiers and Marines have the opportunity to work side by side. But thanks to the initiative of Marine Lt. Col Rick Nelson, commander of the 8th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C., 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers and Camp Lejeune Marines came together to conquer what seemed to be an overwhelming barrier during "Operation Joint Fist."

From Dec. 2 to 9 these two units rafted tanks and built a 320-meter float bridge to allow military forces to move rapidly across a large water obstacle on a simulated battlefield.

After making a chance acquaintance at a November engineer conference, Nelson asked the Commander of the 3rd Inf. Div. Engineer Brigade, Col. John Peabody, if he was interested in participating in Nelson's river crossing exercise. Peabody said yes, quickly received permission to conduct the training, and then his staff went to work planning and coordinating the many tasks needed to pull it all together in just three weeks.

In preparation for such an operation, the Division Engineer Brigade staff, select leaders from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and other elements from across the division coordinated life support and logistics for the Marine soldiers while at Lejeune, and received permission to conduct an 18-vehicle convoy up I-95.

The exercise kicked off with two days of planning for a full scale river crossing for the entire division after 3rd Infantry Division troops arrived at Camp Lejeune. Once the planning was complete, the "dog-faced sappers" deployed to the field and observed the Marines under the control of the 8th ESB as they conducted the first two-day iteration of the exercise, crossing both a 35-meter creek with a Medium Girder Bridge emplacement, followed by a 320-meter river using an Improved Ribbon (floating) Bridge. After the Marines finished they turned control of the exercise over to the Engineer Brigade, and it was 3rd

Infantry Division's turn to coordinate the crossing.

Other units involved in the river crossing exercise included various tank and amphibious maneuver elements from the 2nd Marine Division, the 3rd Military Police Company from Fort Stewart, and 2nd Platoon (Smoke) 101st Chemical Co. from Fort Bragg.

The maneuver units conducted reconnaissance and cleared the way forward for the bridging elements. The MP platoon provided traffic control point operations, convoy security for bridging units and movement control during the exercise. The chemical platoon executed a smoke screen to prevent "enemy forces" from seeing the assault and construction phases of the river crossing. Their mission involved producing a smoke screen curtain that provided a wall of smoke between the bridge site and the opposing force. The smoke platoon was the second unit to raft across the river following the M1A1 Abrams tanks. The smoke platoon leader, 1st Lt. John Ebbert said that he was "pleased with the quality training his platoon received and was excited about the opportunity to work with units from both Fort Stewart and Camp Lejeune."

Each unit involved gained enormous training benefits by conducting a 10 hour convoy, deploying to an austere, unfamiliar, training site and conducting joint operations with newly acquainted Marine units. Overall the exercise was a great opportunity for Army units from 3rd Infantry Division, to work with fellow Marines and share techniques on how to accomplish a bridging mission of this magnitude. Both units were able to take away some valuable lessons learned at the culmination of the training event.

The morning after the final crossing was complete, the units held a joint awards ceremony on the float bridge to recognize outstanding soldiers and marines for their hard work, then the Marines unfurled a sign with the Navy win from the Army-Navy game. Although their college football teams were battling it out that weekend, at least at Camp Lejeune, these inter-service rivals were showing what great cooperation could do.

Explosives 101:

10th Engineers practice element of trade in demolition exercise

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Editor, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — These soldiers get to blow stuff up — literally.

The soldiers of the 10th Engineer Battalion got to put their skills to the test during a munitions certification exercise held Dec. 2 at the Udairi Range Complex.

Using such material as C4, Bangalore torpedoes, cratering charges and other explosives, the soldiers practiced priming demolitions and setting up blast systems, according to Capt. John T. Tucker III, A Company, 10th Eng. commander.

"As combat engineers, part of our trade is demolitions. It's dangerous work, but we mitigate the risk," he explained. "Safety is a big thing here, so we identify the hazards and reduce those risks down to an acceptable level."

The unit's mission consists of providing mobility and counter-mobility for a maneuver element, according to Tucker. Therefore, it must be capable of clearing the way and providing safe passage for other elements to follow.

"The scenario can range from finding unexploded ordnance on the ground to clearing mines or wire out of the way," he said.

Having access to Kuwait's large expanse of terrain allows the soldiers a better opportunity to get quality training, according to Tucker.

"There is an advantage to being here," Tucker said. "Fort Stewart has restrictive terrain, but what we found out here is that we've got a lot of freedom to maneuver around."

"You can't just look out for yourself, you have to look out for everyone, because the slightest mistake can cost you your life and the lives of everyone around you."

Pvt. 2 Robert Williams
Combat engineer

The soldiers are aware that although they are participating in a great training opportunity, due to the serious nature of their jobs, they have to stay alert and aware of all that occurs around them, Tucker said.

"When dealing with landmines, we have to be very careful, because what you do will not only affect yourself, it will affect your squad around you," explained Pvt. 2 Robert Williams, combat engineer, A Company, 10th Engineers. "You can't just look out for yourself, you have to look out for everyone, because the slightest mistake can cost you your life and the lives of everyone around you."

But with teamwork, focus and confidence in their training, the soldiers are able to ensure the mission gets accomplished, Williams said.

"It's all basically teamwork — if you don't have teamwork, it can't be done. There is no person in this unit that is more important than the other, because at any time the next man can be taken out and you'll have to step up to the plate," he explained. "So, you have to know everyone's job."



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Sgt. Jason Miller, a combat engineer with the 10th Eng. Bn., prepares a field-expedient Bangalore.

One shot, one kill

2/7 Inf. soldiers prepare for sniper school

Spc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Writer

Some of the soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment have gone a step beyond the call of the mechanized infantrymen in order to better themselves and their battalion.

Three trained snipers in the battalion, Staff Sgt. William Trent and Sgt. Billy Terry of B Company, as well as Sgt. Chuck Ledbetter of C Co., took two weeks to teach eight soldiers in the battalion the basics of being a sniper and prepare them for U.S. Army Sniper School.

“It takes a lot of discipline and a lot of integrity,” Ledbetter said. “You don’t necessarily have to be a great shot, we’ll teach you how to be a great shot. The individual has to be ... committed to what they’re doing.”

According to Cpl. Joseph Hester, one of the snipers in training, much of the skill it takes boils down to the basic fundamentals of marksmanship — a steady firing position, breathing techniques, aim and a gentle trigger squeeze — but it takes a little something extra as well.

“You need to have good camouflage techniques,” he said. Snipers also have to do math formulas to estimate the range of their targets, and be able to gauge the direction of the wind.

All the sniper’s skills have to be well-rounded, since a sniper could be alone for days at a time in some situations, Trent said.

Fortunately, the sniper doesn’t have to be completely alone. They work in teams of two — a sniper and a spotter. The spotter is responsible for doing many of the formulas, and telling the sniper what adjustments he has to make on his rifle in order to shoot accurately.

During the first week of training, the eight soldiers, made up of two-person teams from each company in the battalion, learned how to estimate the range of targets, and that they had to do their math quickly and flawlessly.

They learned how to compensate for outside elements such as wind, trajectory of the round and temperature that could affect their shooting, Hester said.

They also spent time practicing stalking and camouflage techniques, before heading out to the sniper range Dec. 11 and 12 to put their new knowledge to use.

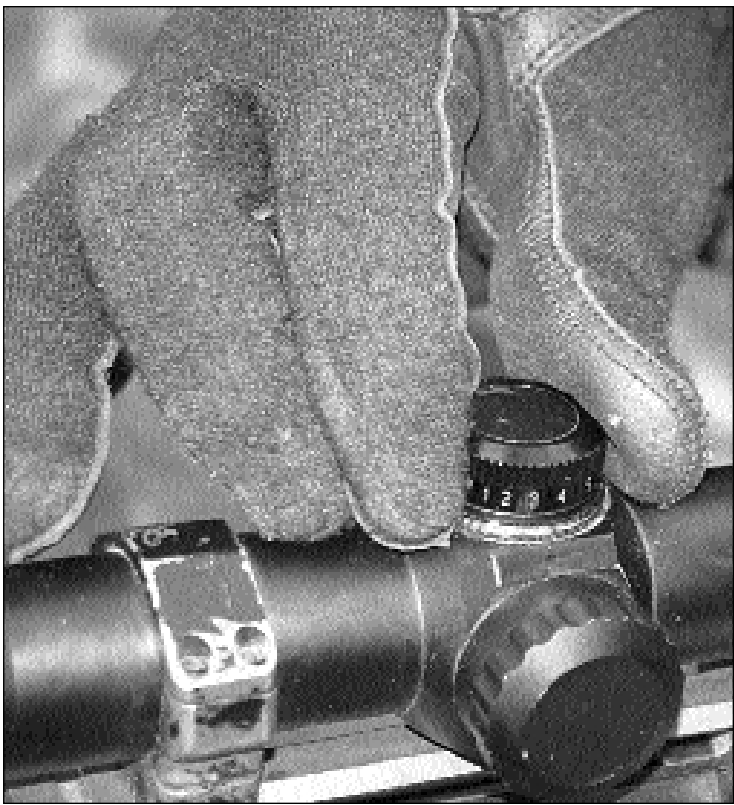
The four teams spent the two cold, rainy days firing at metal silhouettes — called “iron maidens” — ranging from 100 to 900 meters.

“I think we’ll be a great asset to the battalion,” Ledbetter said. “A sniper on the battlefield ... can deter a company sized element or battalion sized element from going the way they planned.”



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

An "iron maiden" target, seen through the scope of a sniper rifle. (range 100 meters)




(Above) A sniper makes adjustments to his rifle during practice at the sniper range.

(Left) Sgt. Billy Terry, one of the sniper instructors, takes his aim at the sniper range Dec. 11.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Holiday message from the president



To the Men and Women of the Armed Forces

I send holiday greetings and salute our men and women who wear the uniform of our Armed Forces, serving our country with skill, honor and dedication.

All of you, our brave men and women who devote your lives to our Armed Forces, help protect the ideals that make our Nation strong.

You deserve every American's gratitude and full support. America's military will continue to receive the best training, equipment and resources.

I am honored to be your Commander-in-Chief, and I join all Americans in expressing our gratitude for your sacrifice and service to our Nation in this global war against terrorism. May God bless you and keep your families in his care, and may God continue to bless America.

President George W. Bush
Commander-in-Chief

Message from Chief of Staff, Secretary

During the holidays, families gather to share in the celebrations of the season. Our Army family is unique — among us, we share a special bond, a common understanding of the inherent sacrifices and hardships of being an Army family. So we are additionally blessed to be able to celebrate our special heritage — the legacy of hope that our soldiers represent to the Nation.

On a bitter-cold Christmas night in 1776, General George Washington and his Continental Army crossed the Delaware River to execute a bold plan against the British forces. Driving sleet and snow made the freezing temperatures all the more unbearable. Despite those harsh conditions, the soldiers did not complain — some of them had no shoes; some wrapped rags around their feet to help keep them warm; still others remained barefoot. As one of General Washington's staff officers recorded, the Soldiers were "ready to suffer any hardship and die rather than give up their liberty." In the most difficult conditions, against the greatest odds, the soldiers performed magnificently, and their victory in the Battle of Trenton the day after Christmas renewed the hopes of freedom in the American Revolution.

And undiminished still today is that same spirit of determination, perseverance, selfless service and courage that moved the soldiers of the Continental Army on Christmas night in 1776. We share in the enduring legacy of those who first fought and died to win our freedom — we stand on the shoulders of the brave men and women who have preceded us.

We know that we do not soldier alone. With each of our soldiers on point in more than 120 countries around the globe is the spirit of a tremendous family — a family whose courage, sacrifice, and steadfastness are inspiring to us all. And all of our efforts, all of our successes, all of our magnificent moments as an Army will continue to be delivered by our people —soldiers, civilians, veterans, retirees, and all of their families. We are grateful for their commitment, their loyalty, and their devotion.

We could not be more proud of all of you and of the magnificent work you do each and every day to preserve the gifts of hope and of freedom that we cherish. May you have a safe, fulfilling, and joyful Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year. God bless each of you and your families, God bless The Army, and God bless this great nation.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff
Hon. Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army



Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE
Readers respond to the question:
What is your New Year's resolution?



"Find a better job."

Pvt. 2 Charles Young
B Co., 2nd Bn., 7 Inf.



"Improve my GT score."

Spc. Fermin Tchakote
A Co., 3rd Bn., 69th Ar.

2nd Brigade Combat Team updates FRGs on Kuwait

Casey Craig
Volunteer reporter

Thumbing through my resources on Family Readiness Groups, I was reminded it is an organization of soldiers and family members. During deployments, one of the key responsibilities of an FRG is the dissemination of information.

I recently attended a Kuwait Deployment Exchange Meeting of 2nd Brigade's Combat Team fulfilling that important role.

These regularly scheduled Exchange Meetings are opportunities to pass on information between commands, at all levels, to the soldier's family members. If ever there was a family members' hunger for information on their soldiers in a deployed area, this one is right up there.

2ndBCT's Rear Detachment Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Enos,

spoke to the group of brigade and combat team battalion and company FRG leaders, sharing a brief update from Commanding Officer Col. David G. Perkins.

Enos then stressed FRG leaders, that family members, traveling during the holidays, need to be aware of the rules for TRICARE coverage while they vacation. "To ensure medical needs are covered by TRICARE when traveling, it is essential families contact them." The organization is divided into separate regions covering the U.S. and that is where things can get complicated. By calling TRICARE at 800-652-9221, informing them of your destination, Enos is hopeful headaches can be avoided. This is great information for anyone covered by TRICARE who is planning travel any time of the year.

Ginger Perkins, spouse of the brigade commander, discussed, among other items, how various methods of

communication from the forward area is dispersed. Susan Wilder, Army Community Service mobilization and deployment specialist, then joined in on the subject of morale calls from Kuwait and the difficulty of soldiers getting through. Not having enough trunk lines in an area that literally sprung up from the desert is the main reason for this problem. Wilder added this situation is a number one issue of the command.

The final topic was Security. The FRG leaders were reminded that Fort Stewart is a target of foreign intelligence agents. With a 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) brigade in Kuwait, spies want to obtain as much information — such as troop movements — for their governments or the highest bidder. We must be aware of the type of information we discuss when using the phone, especially a cordless, through email and when we are off post. It is a subject no one should take lightly.

Military Intelligence more than just a contradiction

Sgt. Michael Searight
103rd Military Intelligence Battalion

The word "Intelligence" has been in the news a lot since the events of 9/11. It is one of those fields where if everything goes as it should, no one knows you, but if something goes wrong, there is no place to hide. But even with all the press and ill-gotten spotlight, what is it that comes to mind when you think of military intelligence? A contradiction of terms? James Bond? Geeks in dark rooms staring at computer screens of spy satellites and listening to phone taps?

For a lot of you out there that is a difficult question to answer. How much do you really know about the intelligence community? How much do you really know about the military intelligence units right here on Fort Stewart and Hunter? Because MI is one of the more insular of the Army's career branches, there are no doubt a great many of you who can say that they have never met or spoken to an MI soldier.

The 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion here at Fort Stewart is a rapid deployment force capable of conducting mobile, offensive and defensive operations and electronic warfare around the globe. As a relatively new tenant at Fort Stewart (arriving here in April 1996) there is little wonder that there are those who don't know we are here at all, however the 103rd's soldiers were quick to integrate themselves into the demanding operational tempo of the Marne Division. From SFOR in Bosnia to Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, from Central America to Southwest Asia, there are few corners of the world not touched by the 103rd.

Like most units, the 103rd has its mechanics, cooks, clerks and the like, but what makes it different are its intelligence specific MOSs. One of the most common and most misunderstood of which are the 98Gs (Golfers). So what is a 98G and what do they do? According to DA PAM 611-21, the Army's listings of military occupations, 98Gs are voice intercept operators, which

basically means they translate intercepted voice transmissions. PERSCOM online refers to them as cryptologic linguists, meaning someone who deciphers foreign language ciphers and codes. Ask a 98G, and they are likely to refer to themselves as a linguist, plain and simple. The mission of the 98Gs in the 103rd MI division is the exploitation of voice intercept and electronic attack (jamming). As simple as the job basis may sound, the things golfs are asked to do are wide ranging.

Having been a golf for six years, I've had assignments as simple as watching CNN to as complex as running a collection mission with six soldiers on the border of hostile territory. I've deployed as part of the 3rd BCT and at times I've gone into foreign countries by myself. I've learned that it can be easier to find parts for an M1A1 tank engine than it can be to find a 1400-watt light bulb in Egypt. The job is certainly an adventure at times and can be quite high profile. At the rank of specialist, I met the chief of staff of the Egyptian Air

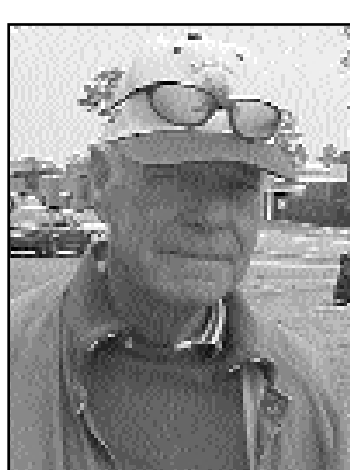
Force and translated briefs of J2 situational briefs for high-ranking officials (no stress there). Here is where the misunderstanding of what golfs can and cannot do arises. Although trained in all aspects of a language, what golfs primarily do is listen. Keep in mind that golfs are not trained to be interpreters. They can speak the language but not to that degree.

With America's war on terrorism spreading to increasingly remote and distance parts of the globe, the need to be able to understand and communicate in a growing number of languages is expanding. Languages you have heard of and some you never knew existed—Arabic, Chinese, Urdu, Pashtu, Uzbek and Dari are just some of the languages that are in recent demand.

To meet this demand, the Army hires contractors or locals to act as translators, but often security issues or the sheer number of translators required causes the Army to look toward its language dependant MOSs (98G, 97E). Again due to numbers, this soldier is likely to be a 98G.

"To quit smoking."

Sgt. Robert Martineau
293rd MP Co.



"To keep on keepin' on."

CW2 (Ret.) Pat Rowe

"Try to be a better person and try to live every day like it's my last, treat my family and friends like it's my last day."

Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Ronnie Taylor



"To be prosperous."

Sabrina Morgan
A new Stylist at the Fort Stewart Beauty Salon



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Sewage overflows at Hunter, Stewart

Special to the Frontline

In two separate incidents a sewage collection system manhole at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield had a backup due to grease build up.

On Dec. 5, a manhole located on Victory Division Drive, Fort Stewart, overflowed onto the surrounding vegetation and then into an adjacent drainage ditch. Installation personnel responded immediately, averting, further spillage, but an estimated 20 gallons of wastewater was discharged into a Taylors Creek tribu-

tary.

On Dec. 9, a manhole located in Gannam Heights housing area, near the intersection of Gannam Avenue and Farie Drive on Hunter, overflowed onto the surrounding vegetation. An estimated five to 10 gallons of wastewater was discharged into a non-flowing drainage ditch and was contained in the ditch with an earthen berm. Installation personnel responded immediately, averting further spillage into the ditch or the surrounding tributaries.

For more info, call 767-2010.

CityWatch System test complete

Special to The Frontline

Directorate of Public Safety, Lt Col John Huey activated the CityWatch Community Messaging System from AVTEX, Inc. 10:30 a.m., Dec. 16, 23 DPS employees were called within one minute.

“The system generated a CALL-LIST of 132 residential listings in a half-mile radius from Intersection of West Bultman and Frank Cochran and a CALL-LIST of 223 residential listings in a half mile radius from Diamond Elementary School, in all 355 residents were called in 18 minutes. It worked just as we

hoped it would,” said 911 Chief Peggy Steele.

911 Team Leaders Angela Cameron and Patricia Paschal are building call-lists to improve emergency services response during major incidents. Call-lists can be activated remotely by authorized users from any touch-tone telephone and scheduled up to 364 days in advance.

CityWatch gives 911 the ability to quickly notify citizens and staff in emergency situations.

The 911 Staff is very impressed with the unlimited possibilities of the usage of the City Watch System.

Army budget funds pay increases, Transformation

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Courtney Brooks

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — This year’s Defense Appropriations Bill and Authorization Act fund a fourth Stryker Brigade, 650 Comanche helicopters and pay increases for soldiers.

One of the things that the Army requested was to close the pay gap between soldiers and the private sector, officials said. Congress responded with a pay increase of at least 4.1 percent with targeted increases of up to 6.5 percent for mid- and senior-level noncommissioned officers and a 5.5 percent increase for majors with between eight and 14 years of service.

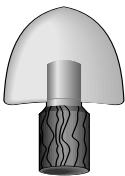
The Army also asked Congress to eliminate out-of-pocket housing

expenses for soldiers and their families. The last legislative session saw progress there as well by reducing the average amount of expenses paid by service members from 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent, with the intent of eliminating the out-of-pocket expenses by Fiscal Year 2005.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has repeatedly said that the Army needs six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. Congress responded by authorizing \$788 million to purchase 332 Stryker vehicles, enough for a fourth brigade, with an additional \$150.9 million for further research and development.

The first two Stryker Brigade Combat Teams are at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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Soldier of the cross: Infantryman-turned chaplain receives special honor from Chief of Chaplains

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Editor, Frontline Forward

Soldiers who first meet newly-promoted Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Hommel are a little confused at first.

His left collar bears the branch insignia of the Chaplain Corps. However, directly beneath it lie expert infantryman and air assault badges.

Ask Hommel how these two seemingly contradictions came to be, and he'll tell you the story of his first few years in the Army—as an enlisted infantryman.

"I came in the Army in 1989 as a private in the infantry. I was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and I was right there during the middle of Desert Storm," he recounts.

Hommel spent seven months in the desert during the war serving as a fire team leader. He reached the rank of sergeant, completed his enlistment and went back to college.

After completing seminary, Hommel served as a professor at Southern California Bible College, and Seminary and Christian Heritage College, teaching such subjects as world religions, evangelism, apologetics and theology.

Although content with his chosen profession, Hommel soon discovered that he had another destiny — to return to the Army. But this time, he would not serve as an infantryman, but as a chaplain.

"I was a chaplain candidate for several years. I was commissioned while I was going to seminary and getting practical training during the summer," he said.

Hommel went on to say he feels somewhat caught in the middle — but in a good way — as a chaplain.

"I like soldiers, because I was a soldier. I can relate to them and understand them. When I was an infantry soldier, I always felt like I wanted to minister to the guys instead of yell at them and order them around," he explained. "When I was in the ministry I was a little too tough to be a minister. So being a chaplain is a nice fix — I'm right at home with these guys."

On Dec. 1, Hommel received an honor he wasn't quite expecting. Maj. Gen. Gaylord Gunhus, the Army Chief of Chaplains, was



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Maj. Gen. Gaylord Gunhus, Army Chief of Chaplains, pins captain's rank on Chaplain Steve Hommel during a promotion ceremony held Dec. 1.

scheduled to visit soldiers deployed in Kuwait during that time. While there, Gunhus participated in an event Hommel is sure not to forget — his promotion from first lieutenant to captain.

"It's pretty exciting — I'm glad to be moving from lieutenant to captain. But it just so happened that the Chief of Chaplains was going to be here on the very day that I get promoted," Hommel said.

Hommel went on to say that he had the best job in the battalion and that because of his previous experiences, he could directly relate to the soldiers he ministers to.

"I'm very interested in sharing the gospel with these guys and answering questions, and there are a lot of opportunities to do that here," he said. "Personally, I'd like to be back with my family and my two kids, but professionally, there's no better place to be than here with the soldiers right now."

NCOs inducted into time-honored corps

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer

No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer; a leader of soldiers. As a Non-Commissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army."

About 40 noncommissioned officers were inducted into the corps Nov. 30 in a ceremony at the Camp New York chapel.

The ceremony represented the sergeants crossing from the enlisted ranks into the NCO corps.

"The impact of the crossing over from enlisted soldier to noncommissioned officer is a milestone in an enlisted soldier's career never to be taken lightly," said Master Sgt. Judd Sweitzer, master of ceremonies for the induction.

During the ceremony, command sergeants major, sergeants major and first sergeants spoke to the new NCOs on what their role in the Army and how to take care of their soldiers.

"The choice of noncommissioned officers is an object of greatest importance," said

Command Sgt. Maj. William Barnello, command sergeant major for the 1st Battalion, 46th Armor, quoting Baron Friedrich von Stuben.

"The order and discipline of a regiment depends so much upon their behavior that too much care cannot be taken on preferring none to that trust. But that those who by their merit and good conduct are entitled too.

"In teaching their recruit, they must exercise all their patience, by not means of abusing them, but by teaching them with mildness and not expecting too much precision in their first lesson, punishing those only who are willfully negligent," Barnello added.

The importance of the sergeant is not to be taken lightly, especially when it comes to taking care of their soldiers.

"You probably have the greatest face-to-face personal responsibility in the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Santos Rivera, command sergeant major for the 26th Forward Support Battalion. "And the buck stops here at your level."

Following the speeches, Rivera poured seven bottles of liquid into a bowl, symbolizing the Army values and presented a toast to the new sergeants.

Rounds down range ...



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

A mortar platoon with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment practices firing 120 mm rounds during a training exercise held Dec. 2 at the Udairi Range Complex in Kuwait.



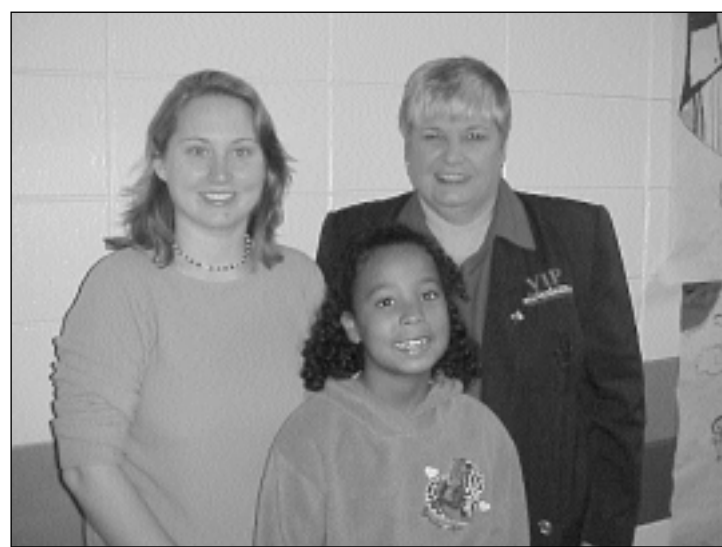
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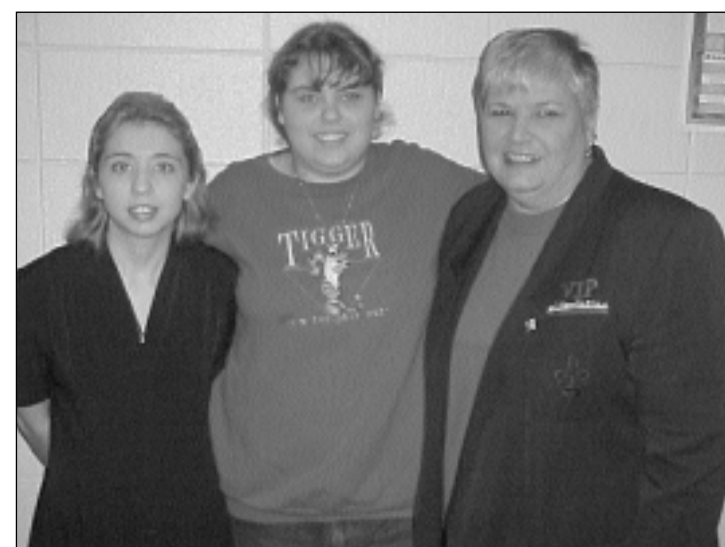
Local "Letters to the Front" campaign winners



Victoria Peterson, a teacher at Lyman Hall Elementary, Winner Alysha Jones, 8, Lyman Hall, and Barbara Meador, AUSA.



Elizabeth Robinson, a teacher at Lewis Fraiser Middle School, Winner Chanell Haire, 11, Lewis Fraiser, and Barbara Meador, AUSA.



Melissa Aldridge, a teacher at Liberty County High School, Winner Dorothy Webb, 17, Liberty County, and Barbara Meador, AUSA.

Past protected on Stewart cemeteries



Photos courtesy of DPW Environmental/Natural Resources Division

(Above) Archeologists dig at an excavation site next to Parker-Sapp Cemetery for artifacts from the former community, which resembled (Below) a scene from the former Willie community, and (Left) a house from the former Taylors Creek community.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

The Fort Stewart Cemetery Council held their fall meeting Dec. 12 at the Parker-Sapp, Mrs. L. D. Todd, Wise and Clyde cemeteries.

Those cemeteries, and approximately 60 others on Fort Stewart’s training land, are all that’s left standing of communities that existed here before this area became Camp Stewart to train troops for World War II in 1941.

But remnants of the communities exist in the memories and stories of former residents and family members, as well as in artifacts and data gathered by the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental/Natural Resources Division.

Former residents and family members who attended the meeting were allowed to watch and learn about an archeological dig the DPW was conducting at a historic home site next to the Parker-Sapp cemetery. They were

testing the site for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places, according to Jennifer Grover, Fort Stewart cultural resource management specialist.

“It will give us a chance to let people see what we’re doing with our program, what’s happening with it, and that we do care about the past on Fort Stewart and are protecting it,” she said.

Wyman L. May, vice president of the cemetery council and former resident of Taylors Creek, one of the 60 cemeteries on Fort Stewart, said he liked the archeology demonstrations. He used to find arrowheads on this land when he was a child, he said.

“They preserve things as they find them, so they’ll be around for years to come. They’d be great for a museum. It creates more interest in the (cemetery council meetings),” he said.

Audrey Salter has wanted to visit her great-grandparents’ graves at the Wise Cemetery for years but hasn’t been able to make it until this year. The council almost had to cancel the visit because of muddy road condi-

tions, but the DPW graded the roads three times to make them passable.

“It’s splendid that we can do this through Fort Stewart. I hope to see where they were actually buried — to have that knowledge. It will be good for our genealogy files,” she said.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander and Fort Stewart Cemetery Council president, said, “They made sacrifices. These people are considered the greatest generation and their role in winning (World War II) was giving up their land. It’s also amazing how patriotic they are about it. They don’t hold any grudges, they understand why we took the land, so it’s important we honor these great citizens for those sacrifices they made in World War II.”

Many of Fort Stewart’s cemeteries are located in training areas. In order to eliminate the potential of people being hit by artillery, family members wishing to visit their families’ graves must contact Gail Aldridge, Public Affairs, at 767-5687, who will coordinate a cease-fire with DPW and Range Control.



Coast Guard aircrews save lives during Thanksgiving holidays

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Members of the Coast Guard's Air Station Savannah stayed busy during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend when they were called on to initiate two separate search-and-rescue operations to provide assistance to boaters floundering off the Savannah coastline.

On Nov. 27, an HH-65B Coast Guard Dolphin rescue helicopter was dispatched to locate four people and a dog who were stranded near Little Tybee Island in their 17-foot boat. The four-person aircrew launched at 9:30 p.m., and utilizing their night vision goggles, quickly located a flashing light on Little Tybee. Tracing the flashing light to the boat in distress, the crew found three adults, one child, and a Labrador retriever huddled in the bow of a small open boat.

The family had found themselves aground on a sandbar in unfamiliar territory when the tide went out. When it became evident that the tide was not going to come in before nightfall, they used their cell phone to contact Coast Guard Station Tybee for help.

Phillip Baker, 45, David Bock, 44, Martha Bock, 44, and Andrew Bock, 11, were safely recovered and transported in good condition to an awaiting ambulance at Coast Guard Station Savannah at Hunter Army Airfield, where they were examined and released.

On Nov. 30, Coast Guard Group Charleston notified Air Station Savannah just before noon that a vessel was taking on water about 500 yards off Ossabaw Island. The vessel had two working pumps on board and was underway, but was not keeping up with the water. It had departed that morning on a fishing trip with four people

on board.

Air Station Savannah immediately launched a helicopter to assist. While traveling to the troubled craft, they received updated information that the vessel's engine had stopped and that they were dead in the water. Upon arrival at the scene, the captain of the 25-foot fishing vessel informed the Coast Guard that the ship was overturning. The helicopter crew advised everyone to don life jackets and enter the water to avoid becoming trapped on the sinking vessel. Once the ship's crew was clear of the sinking craft, the rescue helicopter deployed a swimmer to assist in hoisting the victims to safety. They were successfully picked up and transferred to awaiting emergency medical services personnel at Hunter Army Airfield.

James H. Brown, 56, Jean Jacques, 45, Martin Arignan, 17, and Ed Hope, 53, were diagnosed in good condition with possible mild hypothermia. They were treated and released to family members.

"We have a requirement to respond within 30 minutes from the time we receive the call," said Coast Guard Lt.J.G. Matthew Sanford, SAR pilot, Air Station Savannah. "Everyone is moving when that call comes in."

With the greatest number of boaters utilizing the nation's waterways as any time in history, the Coast Guard is modernizing their National Distress and Response System with a feature known as "Rescue 21." The service is the equivalent of the maritime "911" and will utilize 21st century technology to increase public safety, said Sanford.

Since 1963, Air Station Savannah has provided search and rescue coverage 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year,

for the Atlantic Coast from the northern border of South Carolina, south to Melbourne, Fla., averaging more than 250 SAR cases a year. Other missions include maritime law enforcement, drug interdiction, aids to navigation, marine safety, and environmental protection. Aircraft are routinely deployed aboard Coast Guard cutters throughout the East Coast, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean.

With 96 Coast Guard men and women, three professional civilian employees, and five Dolphin helicopters, Air Station Savannah takes pride in the service motto "Semper Paratus," remaining always ready for the call to duty.



Coast Guard photo

An HH-65 Coast Guard Dolphin rescue helicopter maneuvers into position. The Coast Guard Air Station Savannah uses the HH-65 for rescue operations.

HAZMAT Quick Facts

Joyce Moomaw

Special to The Frontline

Check out the following web site which provides Deployment Assistance involving Department of Transportation Hazard Class 1 materials (Ammunition and Explosives, A&E): www.dac.army.mil/deployment.

The web site lists products which are provided free of charge to authorized customers. Authorized customers include U.S. military and other federal government agencies and their employees. Here are a few of the available items that can be ordered on line:

Handy Guides

Yellow Book — a handy reference guide to the Hazard Classification of U.S. Military Explosives and Munitions.

Unit Ammunition Guide — a guide to provide unit commanders and unit ammunition managers the basics of long-term ammunition management while basic, operational or training ammunition is in the custody of unit personnel.

Deployment Explosives Safety — a narrated PowerPoint presentation. It provides critical force protection information for deploying units. By following the basic procedures and guidance contained in this presentation, both the soldier and his ammunition assets are safeguarded.

A&E Information Program

Ammunition Surveillance Information System — ASIS provides Soldiers, Quality Assurance Specialists (Ammunition Surveillance) and Ammunition Logisticians a portable, centrally updated electronic library of thousands of publications and reference materials essential to ensure global ammunition safety and readiness in support of worldwide power projection.

Computer Training Programs

HAZMAT Familiarization & Safety in Transportation CBT — designed to meet the needs of personnel dealing with haz-

ardous material, and who only require the familiarization and safety training described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 172.704. Personnel who meet the definition of a HAZMAT employee in the 49 CFR (Section 171.8) or who are involved in or affect the transportation of hazardous materials should take this course. However, Department of Defense personnel (soldiers/civilians/DoD contractors) who are certifying officials require further training (which is provided at Fort Stewart each month). Check with your local training official.

Introduction to Ammunition CBT — provides basic training in the safety and fundamental technical aspects of ammunition and explosives for personnel directly involved in hands-on exposure to ammunition items and/or operations. Course content will introduce the characteristics of different classes of ammunition and explosives, and safe handling procedures and explosives safety requirements for the receipt, storage, maintenance, demilitarization, or issue of ammunition at U.S. Army installations.

Ammunition is a complex commodity that is unique from any other hazard class. Due to its inherent hazards and critical importance to the National Defense, personnel required to manage the ammunition stockpile must know it's special properties, characteristics and requirements. Fort Stewart is fortunate to have two QASASs located at the Ammunition Supply Point. They have a wealth of knowledgeable in all aspects of the life cycle of ammunition. If you need help in shipping ammunition and explosives — Department of Transportation Class 1 HAZMAT, contact either Mitchell T. Bates email: Mitchell.bates@stewart.army.mil, DSN 870-8404 (Commercial 912-767-8404) or CJ Bork-Mathewson email: cathryn.bork-mathewson@stewart.army.mil DSN 870-8481 (Commercial 912-767-8481).

Flu shot best weapon against winter illness

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

It's that time of year again. Your head aches, your body aches and you are running a fever — it must be the flu.

“People are more prone to get upper respiratory infections (like the flu) during the winter months because they spend more time indoors near other people and ventilation is not as good as during summer months,” said Dr. (Capt.) James Mancuso, chief of the Preventive Medicine Service at Winn Army Community Hospital. “These conditions make it easier for disease to spread from person to person.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Influenza, or the flu, is far more dangerous than a bad cold or other upper respiratory infections. It's a disease of the lungs, which can lead to pneumonia.

Mancuso said the best way to prevent the flu is by getting the flu shot. “The flu shot is effective in preventing the flu and is safe for most patients. Basically anyone older than six months can be given the shot. Also, we strongly encourage beneficiaries who are at high risk for the flu, i.e. people with chronic illness such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, etc., and women who will be in their second and third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, to get the shot,” Mancuso said.

Maj. Jesus Castro, head nurse of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Winn, strongly recommends everyone get the flu shot but offers words of comfort to those who do not get the shot and catch the flu.

“Comforting self-treatment options include

taking Tylenol and/or Motrin and staying well-hydrated by drinking water, juices and Gatorade-like substances. Other recommend treatments include using a saline nasal spray to moisten nasal passages; using a cool-mist humidifier to increase moisture in the air; constantly washing hands to rid the body of germs; and avoiding smoking, which can pro-long symptoms,” Castro said.

However, an important issue with the flu and other upper respiratory infections is to watch out for signs of a more serious illness.

According to the CDC, about 114,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized and 20,000 people die every year because of complications from the flu virus.

“High fever — a temperature greater than 101.5 — wheezing, severe cough and chest pain may be signs of pneumonia. Dark colored urine, decreased urination, vomiting, not being able to hold down liquids and dry mucus membranes are signs of dehydration. These illnesses require medical evaluation. If you are experiencing these symptoms, you should contact your healthcare provider,” Castro said.

While there are treatments for flu symptoms, Mancuso said “the best way to protect yourself from influenza is to get the flu vaccination.”

The vaccination is available at the Immunization Clinic on a walk-in basis 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6878.

Editor's Note: *Amye H. Turner contributed to this article.*

Vaccines to halt desert diarrhea being pursued

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Army News Service

FORT DETRICK, Md. — The runs. The trots. The quick step. Montezuma's revenge. Whatever it's called, diarrhea can debilitate deployed soldiers.

In fact, during Operations Desert Shield and Storm, 57 percent of troops had at least one bout with diarrhea and 20 percent reported they were temporarily incapacitated by it, according to the 1998 Army Science and Technology Master Plan.

To combat the ailment, researchers in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research's Department of Enteric Infections are developing new vaccines to help deployed warfighters fight bacteria that cause diarrhea.

Less-than-sanitary living conditions and foreign diets, teamed with few opportunities to wash after using the bathroom, let diarrhea-causing bacteria with names like Shigella flexneri, Shigella sonnei, Shigella dysenteriae and Escherichia coli flourish in the field, quickly disabling thousands and upending readiness.

So far, the institute has four vaccines in the works to combat diarrhea.

“Ideally, the goal would be to have one vaccine that will protect against multiple pathogens that can easily be given to deploying soldiers,” said Maj. David Katz, a senior clinical investigator at WRAIR. “So soldiers can take it before they deploy to an area, and they'll be protected.”

A vaccine to combat Shigella flexneri, called SC602, was developed along with The Institute Pasteur. Since 1992 it has undergone clinical trials in the United States and Bangladesh.

“The wonderful thing about the Shigella vaccines is ... the bacteria (used in them) are alive but weakened to diminish the amount of symptoms,” Katz said. “The body thinks it's infected and gives an immune response, but you don't get infected like a natural infection because the bacteria don't spread from cell to cell.”

Receiving the oral vaccine before deploying is key, Katz said. “Most of the soldiers will get hit right when they arrive in a new area,” Katz said, “either because they're eating on the economy or they're in a new area and their system has not been primed.”

Another reason to give the vaccine ahead

of time is because of potential side effects, said Dr. Thomas Hale, chief of the Department of Enteric Infections at WRAIR.

“The vaccine can cause some short-term fevers and mild diarrhea in 20 percent of the people who receive it,” Hale said, “so soldiers need to take it well before they get on a plane.”

A vaccine for Shigella sonnei, which often attacks travelers and stateside daycare centers, is a possible stand-alone product, Hale said. “This one vaccine could make a significant difference in the health of soldiers deployed to the Middle East (where 90 percent of outbreaks occur) and the developing world,” Hale said.

Drs. Malabi Venkatesan and Antoinette Hartman from WRAIR developed the oral vaccine, called WRSS1, that is currently in clinical trials in conjunction with the University of Maryland Medical School and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The Department of Enteric Infections at WRAIR has teamed up with the Israel Defense Force for a vaccine trial evaluating WRSS1 this winter.

“Israel has cities that are very westernized, but almost everyone has a compulsory military obligation, so they go from cities to field posts and the incidence of diarrrheal disease is significant,” Katz said.

To combat the deadly form of diarrhea, dysentery — also called bloody diarrhea — WRAIR researchers are working with the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University to test the oral Walter Reed Shigella-Dysentery-1 vaccine, WRSD1.

The other diarrhea-causing bacteria WRAIR and the Navy Medical Research Unit researchers are trying to disable is E. coli. Whereas shigella bacteria invades a cell's wall and moves from cell to cell to spread the disease, E. coli prefers to stick to the intestine's lining, homestead and crank out toxins that cause diarrhea. To outsmart the unwanted tenant, researchers are trying to make antibodies that will prevent squatters from colonizing because they can't stick to the intestine. The vaccine's been tested in a time-release capsule form as well as a transdermal patch, “it should be easy for the soldier to use: Just pop the patch on and that's it,” Katz said, though having one vaccine to combat all major forms of infectious diarrhea is a ways off, he said.

Cold and Flu Symptoms

Symptoms Fever	Cold rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102° F in infants and small children	Flu usually 102° F, but can go up to 104° F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	rare	sudden onset and can be severe
Muscle aches Tiredness and Weakness Extreme exhaustion	mild mild never	usual, and often severe can last two or more weeks sudden onset and can be severe
Runny nose Sneezing Sore throat Cough	often often often mild hacking cough	sometimes sometimes sometimes usual, and can become severe

DoD database provides global tripwire for bio-terror

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — DoD personnel are on the watch for possible bio-terrorism, scanning computer databases featuring outpatient treatment information gathered from more than 300 military hospitals and medical clinics worldwide.

That effort, called the Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics, or ESSENCE, is helping DoD to detect both naturally occurring outbreaks of disease — and potential bio-terrorism attacks, noted Army Dr. (Col.) Patrick W. Kelley. He is an epidemiologist at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md.

ESSENCE started up in 2000 as a pilot program to monitor the medical health of service members, family members and military retirees living in metropolitan Washington, Kelley explained.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States, he said, ESSENCE was expanded to include outpatient information from 313 Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard medical facilities around the world.

ESSENCE is on the front line of defense in the war against global terrorism, Kelley maintained. Its worldwide reach is important, he emphasized, because “infectious diseases have no borders ... and an attack on one country with a bio-terrorist agent could well be an attack on the globe.”

To detect potential epidemics or bio-terror attacks, Kelley noted, graphs of fresh medical data provided by ESSENCE are overlaid and examined alongside older data.

“We not only have today’s data, we also have historical data going back several years,” he added. He explained that

mathematical formulas are used to see whether a comparison is within or outside of the bounds of what would be expected. For example, a sharp spike in the number of people being treated for gastrointestinal disorders could indicate the beginnings of an epidemic.

Regarding bio-terrorism, Kelly noted that anthrax and smallpox are especially insidious diseases. They both can masquerade as the flu in the early stages after exposure.

If abnormal incidences of disease are observed, then an alert is provided to local public health officials, who investigate the situation and report back, Kelley noted.

“Our job is to call the alert and mobilize the response. ... We can identify the places that are the most out of the expected range ... so that we can prioritize our responses,” he explained.

He noted that DoD also maintains a companion medical database program, ESSENCE II, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md., and several other groups. ESSENCE II, Kelley noted, gathers outpatient medical information from stateside civilian hospitals, school absenteeism data and veterinary facilities.

Such civil-military cooperation is indicative of efforts to increase ESSENCE’s reach, making the system more powerful and robust, he explained.

Ever since the terror of Sept. 11, military and civilian public health professionals have been ever mindful of the specter of bio-terrorism being unleashed upon the American population, Kelley noted.

“We will really be doing our job if we have systems that are sensitive enough to pick up problems very early,” he said. “Everybody in the homeland security world believes that an important part of bio-defense is early detection and response.”

“We not only have today’s data, we also have historical data going back several years.”

Dr. (Col.) Patrick W. Kelley
Epidemiologist at Walter Reed Army
Institute of Research

New TRICARE mail order pharmacy to open

Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — More than 400,000 military pharmacy mail order customers will be switched March 1, 2003, to a new TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program, according to Army Col. William D. Davies of the TRICARE Management Activity, Falls Church, Va.

Services will continue under the National Mail Order Pharmacy contract until Feb. 28, 2003, he noted. The next day, March 1, Express Scripts Inc. will provide services under the new TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program, Davies said.

Express Scripts Inc. of Maryland Heights, Mo., won the \$275 million, five-year contract in September to provide mail order pharmacy services for TRICARE beneficiaries.

The director of DoD pharmacy programs, Davies said beneficiaries who have refills remaining on prescriptions on March 1 will be transferred to Express Scripts so they can continue ordering medications on time, with a few exceptions.

“We can’t transfer narcotics or other controlled substance prescriptions. Nor can we transfer compounded prescriptions — those that are physically prepared by the pharmacy,” said Davies, a registered pharmacist with more than 23 years of active duty service.

Medication that requires refrigeration is shipped through priority mail or a courier service, such as FedEx, the pharmacist said. “That’s one reason we don’t send medications that require refrigeration to APO and FPO addresses overseas,” he noted.

TRICARE beneficiaries living and working overseas can use the mail order pharmacy if they have an APO, FPO or a U.S. embassy address. But the prescription must be written by a provider licensed to practice in the United States.

In early January, current users should receive a post card announcing the new services. That will be followed by a mailing which will include a registration form, a description of benefits and a brochure covering the TRICARE program.

Those eligible to use the current mail order program or the retail benefit are eligible to use the new TRICARE mail order program. New customers have to register for the program. Information will be provided through the TRICARE service centers, military treatment facilities pharmacy as well as their marketing points of contact.

The usual delivery time for medication is five to seven days. The easiest way for patients to ensure

they don’t run out of their medication is to have the provider write for up to a 90-day supply with up to three refills. The beneficiary can request a refill once 75 percent of the medication has been used.

“So about Day 70 into their medication, they can request a refill,” Davies said. “That provides them a cushion.”

He said all medication is screened for potential drug interactions or therapeutic overlaps that could produce an adverse drug reaction. He said patients’ complete beneficiary profiles are entered into the Pharmacy Data Transition Service, which enhances patient safety by keeping their medication records current, on file and readily available..

The new contract saves taxpayers’ dollars because it calls for purchasing drug products at federal prices. Best federal prices are at least 24 percent below average commercial wholesale prices Davies estimated.

The TRICARE Management Activity will manage the new contract. The current, national contract has been managed by the Defense Logistics Agency’s Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia.

Patients can fill prescriptions three ways: by direct care at military treatment facilities, or the retail pharmacy network or the mail order program, Davies noted. The direct care system serves the bulk of the beneficiary population, he said. About 2.5 million beneficiaries use the retail pharmacy network because they don’t have access to a military facility.

Most of the 400,000 beneficiaries who use the mail order program do so for chronic medication or maintenance medication needs, Davies said.

“We want beneficiaries who have long-term medication needs to consider using the mail order program. It provides up to a 90-day supply of most medications for a single co-pay, whereas they only receive a 30-day supply for a single co-pay in the retail network pharmacy system,” he said.

Under the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy system, the co-pay for up to a 90-day supply for most medications is \$9 for branded products or \$3 for generics. Exceptions include controlled substances, and active duty members pay no co-pays.

For more information, including a complete section on the co-pay structure, visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil. Reservists can check the site for details of their benefits under the program.

Beneficiaries can also use the Express Scripts Inc. Web site by clicking on the DoD seal at www.express-scripts.com after the site debuts

“We want beneficiaries who have long-term medication needs to consider using the mail order program.”

Army Col. William D. Davies
TRICARE Management Activity

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The Prevention Intervention Program (PIP) is a secondary prevention program for at-risk soldiers who are vulnerable to the stresses that can lead to domestic violence and abuse.

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PIP differs from most other ACS programs in that it is an intervention designed primarily for soldiers and spouses, when appropriate; and secondarily for families if the violence has infiltrated the home.

Information and education on an ongoing basis to soldiers will enhance a person’s ability to cope appropriately with anger and stress. This program will help the command assist their soldiers by identifying problems with anger and abuse BEFORE this becomes an issue in their jobs, in the field, and with their families. PIP is located at the Outpatient Psychiatric Department and referrals are channeled through command, Social Work Services, and health care professionals. PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Army extends deadline for ‘Third Wave’ exemptions

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The deadline has been extended to Jan. 15 for Army functional chiefs to submit final requests arguing what positions should be exempt from the “Third Wave” of privatization.

Initially 213,637 positions — 154,910 held by civilian employees and 58,727 held by soldiers — were designated as “non-core” to the Army and eligible for public-private competition. That’s well over half of the Army’s 247,400 civilian jobs. But officials said the final numbers could be much different.

“Everybody wants an exemption,” said Dr. John Anderson, the Army official responsible for initially reviewing exemption requests.

Anderson already has received requests for thousands of positions to be exempted from the next wave of A-76 competitions and privatization actions. Many of the requests, though, had to be returned to functional chiefs for additional information. So the Nov. 29 deadline for exemption requests was extended until mid-January. And the target date for Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald Brown to finish reviewing the recommendations has been moved forward. Feb. 20 is now the date for an expected announcement on Third Wave exemption decisions.

As Anderson looked over stacks of Third Wave documents on his desk, he explained the origin of the term:

The first wave of outsourcing began in 1979 following the signing of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. It is often associated with OMB Director David Stockman, he said.

The second wave began peaking in 1998 and is often associated with “reinventing government.” It involved the Defense Reform Initiative Directive known as DRID-20 and the Federal Activities Inventory Reform or FAIR Act.

The “Third Wave” was initiated by the “President’s Management Agenda” signed by President Bush last year. Army Secretary Thomas White said the Third Wave will be “bigger and faster” than previous ones and may include “alternatives to A-76.”

“Bigger chunks of competition could result in economies of scale,” Anderson said.

Anderson explained that A-76 competitions would no longer be limited to installations and could cover an entire function Army-wide. He said for the first time, functions other than base operations will be competed. He also said that some functions —

such as research and development and architectural engineering — are exempt from A-76 by statute and could be privatized without competition.

Memorandums and information papers on the Third Wave almost cover the nameplate on Anderson’s desk that reads: “Dr. DRID.”

Anderson, who has a doctorate in philosophy and a law degree, was given that nameplate several years ago by a general officer while he was immersed in trying to meet the goals of DRID-20 and the FAIR Act. Anderson reviewed appeals as to which Army functions were “inherently governmental” and which could be outsourced. That was during the Second Wave of A-76 competitions.

Anderson said there are three over-arching reasons for the Third Wave. The primary objective, he said, is to make sure the Army is using its manpower as efficiently as possible, “before asking for additional resources.”

The second objective is to free up military manpower for core functions and the global War on Terrorism. Anderson said this is necessary because the Army is operating within fixed constraints — an end-strength of 480,000 active-duty soldiers — in a wartime environment where there may be increasing demands for military capabilities.

Third, Anderson said it is necessary for the Army to be a good steward of the taxpayers’ dollars and to support the President’s Management Agenda that calls for competitive sourcing.

Anderson explained that soldiers performing functions determined to be non-core to the Army will be moved to positions where they can perform core competencies.

“No (military) end strength is going to be cut by this,” Anderson said. In fact, he said the Third Wave should help beef up the Army’s combat and combat support capabilities.

“We will leverage our current end strength by converting non-core military to civilian employees or contract, where appropriate,” Anderson said.

When soldiers are moved out of non-core positions, it will cost an estimated \$55,000 per soldier to replace them with contractors, Anderson said. And then some of the soldiers may need to be retrained in other specialties. He said this will be paid for through savings generated from public-private competition.

“There’s no free lunch here,” Anderson said.

Not all of the non-core functions will be contracted out though, Anderson said. Some will simply be divested or eliminated, he said.

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A-76 Competition steps

A-76 competitions determine whether services will be performed by a streamlined in-house “Most Efficient Organization” or by contract. The decision is based on whether the MEO or the selected contractor offer provides the better deal for the Army.

Following is a summary of the procedures in OMB Circular A-76, Management of Commercial Activities, for performing the competition:

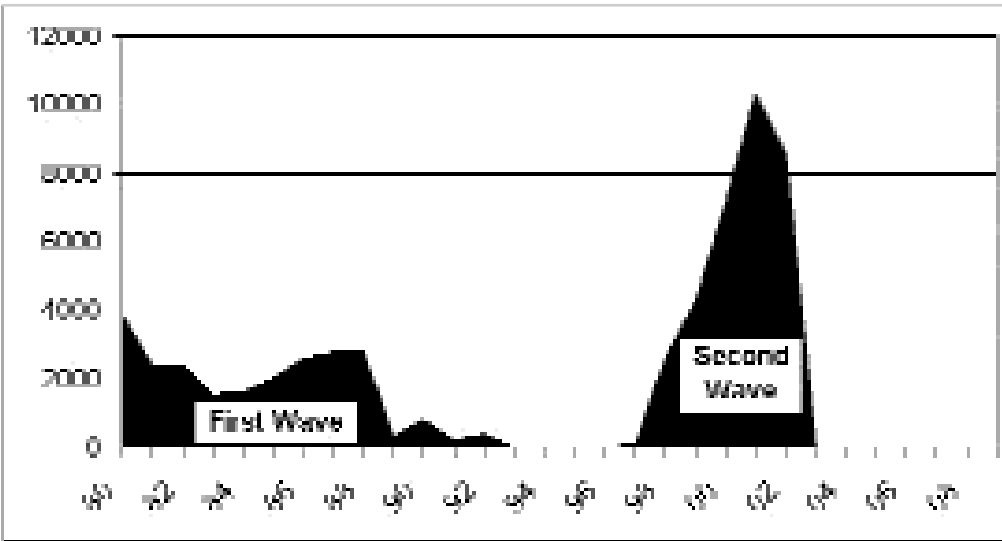
- * Develop a Performance Work Statement, or PWS, that documents the work being competed and the required performance standards.
- * Develop a Most Efficient Organization, or MEO, for performing the work in the PWS using in-house resources.
- * Issue a solicitation for private sector offers for performing the work in the PWS.
- * Select the most advantageous private sector offer, and add 10 percent of the in-house personnel cost.
- * If the result is lower than the MEO cost, convert to contract performance.
- * If the result is higher, convert to performance by the MEO.

Results to-date from 1st, 2nd waves

	<u>Spaces Studied</u>	<u>Military Freed Up</u>	<u>Annual Savings \$ (%)</u>
1st Wave Completed	25.0K	2.0K	\$366M (30%)
2nd Wave Initiated	32.5K	3.6K	TBD
• Completed	20.0K	1.4K	\$333M (36%)
• Tentative*	7.0K	1.2K	TBD
• On-going	5.5K	1.0K	TBD

* Tentative Decisions = Appeals, protests, or notification to Congress pending.

Jobs competed by A-76



Coping with stress while spouse is deployed, during holidays

Susan Wilder

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Often times the Holiday season is hard on people just by being away from parents, grandparents, and loved one they are use to sharing this time with. However with a spouse gone, the stress is even greater. This year why not try something new to help lessen that stress? Below are just a few suggestions that you can try. Add some more to the list and share them with friends and your FRG!

- * FRG Holiday Dinner
- * Travel-A-Meal — participants prepare one course and everyone travels to their home to eat that course. Finish one course, move on to the next participant's home.
- * Dessert Exchange — A group of participants get together sharing a dessert. Everyone brings a few copies of the recipe to share and all get to try a sample of the goodies.
- * Reenact the first Christmas.
- * Make homemade cards for all of the soldiers, to include the single soldiers. If possible, contact loved ones far away and ask them to contribute a card or message for those single soldiers.
- Coping with separation — "The 4M's"**
- Maintain**
- * Stay in good physical condition
- * Eat balanced meals

- * Get plenty of sleep
- * Keep in touch with positive people
- * Avoid things that make you feel worse
- * Avoid spending sprees
- * Set goals
- Manage**
- * Manage your life
- * Organize a support group
- * Know your limits
- Monitor**
- * Be aware of early signs of stress
- * Ask for help if you need it
- Manuever**
- * Relieve stress-do relaxation exercises
- * Use coping strategies that work for you and your family
- * Stop and smell the roses
- Helping children cope**
- * Be consistent with discipline
- * Help children communicate with absent parent
- * Spend special time with children
- * Insure proper rest, nutrition, and exercise
- * Encourage them to spend time with friends
- * Discuss feelings about missing absent parent
- * Praise your children
- * Be proud of your children and their contributions
- * Take good care of yourself

A-76

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Some could be transferred to another executive agency. Some could be worked by civilian employees. Remaining non-core functions — performed both by soldiers and civilians — will be included in A-76 competitions.

None of these actions will begin, however, until exemption decisions are made and Implementation Plans are approved by the Secretary of the Army. Anderson said the exemption recommendations will be coordinated with G1, G3, and other Department of the Army staff principals through a formal process.

First a validation process will check the functional data base and administrative corrections will be made, Anderson said. Then Army functional chiefs who head up career fields will have an opportunity to "vet issues from a policy standpoint."

Major commands provide input to Army functional chiefs at the Pentagon, Anderson said. Then the chiefs submit requests as to which functions under their purview should be exempted.

"Just because a function is not inherently governmental doesn't mean it should be contracted," Anderson said. He said there's a difference between what

jobs "could" and "should" be contracted.

Anderson, in coordination with Army staff principals, formulates exemption recommendations for the assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). If functional chiefs don't agree with a recommendation, Anderson said there's "likely to be a negotiation process" involving "discussion and collaboration."

The new OMB Circular A-76 — now in draft form for public comment — assumes that all functions are subject to competition unless exempted in writing, with rationale, by an assistant secretary.

Even after Brown announces exemptions, parts of the decisions will be subject to public challenge under the FAIR Act, Anderson said. And the decisions will be subject to review by the secretary of the Army, the secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Then the Army's "Non-Core Competencies Working Group" will decide how non-core functions will be competed. Right now the group is just beginning to develop implementation plan templates, said its deputy chairman, Jim Wakefield. Wakefield wants to

calm Army civilian employees and soldiers who fear their jobs might soon be contracted out or eliminated.

First, he said A-76 competitions will be held over the next seven years — not overnight. DoD and the military services are now in the process of determining whether DoD's budget should project the competitions to be completed by fiscal year 2008 or 2009.

Second, if military positions are contracted out, Wakefield said soldiers will simply be moved to another location or trained in another specialty. Third, Army employees will have a chance to compete for their jobs by developing "most efficient organizations," Wakefield said. He pointed out that only 408 employees have been involuntarily separated to date during the Army's "Second Wave" of A-76 competitions. That wave began in November 1996 with 20,000 positions covered by A-76 studies completed so far and another 13,000 being looked at in ongoing competitions.

Even if entire functions are contracted out, "you always need some type of core capability," Wakefield said, at least a "smart buyer" capability, so that someone can monitor the contractors.

Javelin

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meant for rapid deployment — you can set it up, fire and be gone in a matter of minutes."

Harper echoed Ranson's sentiments, saying the Javelin was a significant improvement over systems such as the AT-4 and the Dragon. He went on to point out the importance of allowing soldiers an opportunity to use the weapon in the environment it was created for.

"I feel this is good training — we're out here in the desert doing what we actually train for," he said. "Some of this stuff we can't do back home at Fort Stewart, but out here we have enough space. It's good to do real live training."

Having proved itself in Afghanistan, the Javelin is slated to be fielded soon to the 3/15th Inf. A number of engineer, armor and scout units are also scheduled to receive the system.

Vaccine

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because he wouldn't order military personnel to take anything he wasn't willing to take himself. However, he added, his family and staff would not be getting the vaccines because public health and national security experts are not recommending them for the general public.

"These vaccinations are a precaution only and not a response to any information concerning imminent danger," Bush said. "Given the current level of the threat, and the inherent health risks of the vaccine, we have decided not to initiate a broader vaccination program for all Americans at this time."

The president noted that the cautionary vaccinations are a necessary step to guard against possible threats to the nation. "It is prudent to prepare for the possibility that terrorists who kill indiscriminately would use disease as a weapon," he said.

Budget

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The third is in Alaska and the fourth one will be at Fort Polk, La., Army officials said.

The Army's transformation from the Legacy Force to the Objective Force was also supported with \$1.9 billion for science and technology programs.

The Army's budget has increased, but so has its requirements, officials said. Manning for Active-Guard-Reserve soldiers was increased 2.2 percent over FY02, but the request for 100 percent remains, officials said.

The Army's request to procure 819 Comanches to improve the ability of Army aviation reconnaissance and attack formations to operate on the battlefield was partially granted. Congress authorized \$910 million for development, but Department of Defense only supported the procurement of 650 Comanches.

President George W. Bush signed the Defense Appropriations Bill, which is nearly \$335 billion, and the Military Construction Appropriations Bill, which adds \$10.5 billion for building and upgrading military installations and family housing at the White House on Oct. 23. The Defense Authorization Act was signed at the Pentagon Dec 2.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Speeding 66/40
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Obstruction by fleeing, obstruction by resisting, criminal damage to property 1st degree
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign, failure to show proof of insurance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a general order, use of force
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant First Class, 33-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, wrongful possession of marijuana, open container, defective equipment, no proof of insurance
- **Location:** Pembroke
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 33-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 67/55
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 54-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 31-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Cruelty to children, cruelty to animals, failure to supervise child
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion

- Failure to maintain lane, driving under the the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville
 - **Subject:** Corporal, 22-year-old male, Engineer Battalion
 - **Charges:** Speeding 90/55, Driving under the influence
 - **Location:** Hinesville
 - **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Speeding 70/45
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Simple assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
 - **Location:** Savannah
 - **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old, male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 62/45
 - **Location:** Richmond Hill
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 120/45
 - **Location:** Midway
 - **Subject:** 2nd Lieutenant, 25-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 68/55, expired license plate
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, underage drinking, possession of an open container
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of an open container, reckless driving, too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Walthourville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old female
- **Charges:** Criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Underage drinking, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a deadly weapon to a public gathering
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to use headlights, driving under the influence, consumption of alcohol by a minor
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Chief Warrant Officer 2, 41-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence of drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, following another auto too closely
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Improper left turn
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Speeding 59/45, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old male
- **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property, under age drinking
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Richmond Hill
- **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass, attempted distribution of a controlled substance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspend-

- ed, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Hinesville
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, defective tail light
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Simple battery, obstruction of a law enforcement officer
 - **Location:** Savannah
 - **Subject:** Family member, 22-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Failure to obey right of way
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Under age drinking, no insurance, permitting driver to violate the law
 - **Location:** Savannah
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 28-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** 2 counts drunk and disorderly, disorderly conduct, failure to appear, disrespect to an NCO
 - **Location:** Hinesville
 - **Subject:** GS11, 54-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Embezzlement, extortion by coercion, bank fraud, theft
 - **Location:** Miami, Fl.
 - **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old female, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
 - **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
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- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 29-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Corporal, 33-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to display headlights after dark
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of controlled substance
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** False official statement, conspiracy
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male
- **Charges:** Conspiracy, solicitation
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 27-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Assault, communicating a threat, drunk and disorderly
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Captain, 26-year-old female, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to yield at an intersection
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order, open fire in a prohibited area, reckless endangerment
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, open fire in a prohibited area, reckless endangerment
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, inoperable headlight
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 18-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Forgery, larceny of government funds, larceny of private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 34-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Fort Stewart



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The Frontline publication

The Frontline will not be published for two weeks. It will resume publication again Jan. 9.

Claim for or against estate

The 15th Air Support Operations Squadron has been saddened by the loss of Airman 1st Class Jack O'Brien. If anyone in the area has a claim either for or against the estate of Airman O'Brien, contact the Summary Courts Officer: Capt. Charles Glasscock at 767-8091 during duty hours. He may also be reached by e-mail at charles.glasscock@stewart.army.mil.

\$500 Reward

There is a \$500 reward being offered for information leading directly to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the theft of a set of AN/PVS 7A Night Vision Goggles (Serial #06472C) belonging to the HHC, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf. The goggles were reported missing from the dust bowl, Fort Irwin, Calif. Oct. 19.

Anyone with information concerning this crime can, contact CID Special Agent Barragan at DSN 470-5885 or Commercial (760) 380-5885. Offer expires Dec. 9, 2003.

Dr. M. L. King Jr. celebration

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will host this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance 1:30 to 3 p.m., Jan. 16, at Woodruff Theater.

Guest speaker will be radio personality Walt "Baby" Love, who will be accompanied by musician Moses Tyson Jr.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. They are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions.

For more information, call 767-2197.

Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering life skills training for soldiers, non-commissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communica-

tion. For more information, call 767-2545.

American Red Cross

The Fort Stewart station of the American Red Cross is located in Building 623 off Wilson Avenue. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 767-2197/4750. After-hours emergency message service available at (877) 272-7337.

Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlistment and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Jan. 12, Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications.)

For more information, call 767-1857.

Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Rd. (Gate #6) next to the landfill scale house. All other customers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Ave. and Sigma St.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

SAMC Toys for Tots raffle

The SAMC "Rock of the Marne Chapter" is conducting a raffle to raise money for the upcoming holiday season.

The prizes are:
1st place - DVD player
2nd place - \$50
3rd place - \$20 gift certificate.

The tickets are \$1 each and all proceeds will be contributed to our "Toys for Tots" campaign for soldiers of Fort Stewart and Hunter. The drawing will be held 1 p.m., Friday and you don't have to be present to win.

For tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Donna Baugh or Staff Sgt. Lori Hoover at 767-8044/1586 or go to Building 620, Suite 318/331 (located behind Jordan Gym).

Holiday Concert

A free concert for all soldiers and their families is scheduled for Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 1286. The event will feature Motown performing artist Corey.

Contact the School Liaison Office, DCAS, at 767-6533/6071 or 352-5122 for more information.

New Year's Eve Party

The Hunter Club will be holding a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31. Dinner will be served from 8 to 11 p.m.

RSVP required. Call 353-7923 for more information.

Division Training Holidays

Training holidays will be Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Hunter Public Affairs Office.

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane.

You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Hunter Lanes

Two-fer-Tuesday — Two people bowl for the price of one, 6 p.m. until closing, every Tuesday.

Casino Bingo — Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. until midnight. Win free bowling passes, prizes and cash; open to bowlers age 18 and over.

Dollar Day — All games \$1 opening to closing every Sunday. There is a one-lane limit for parties of less than eight bowlers.

Super Bowling — Games only \$1 Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Pay only \$2 a game on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Marvin's Corner Cafe — Serving the best food at Hunter

Army Airfield. Call ahead for pick-up at 352-6279.

Toys for Kids

This Christmas, many of our military families will be separated. Many children will be missing a mom or dad due to deployments. It will be financially difficult for many of these families. We can help and show our patriotism by purchasing a toy.

No money is accepted; only new toys. The goal for this year is to collect 3,000 toys. The drop locations will be at Midtown Deli at Chatham Plaza and all offices of Coldwell Banker Greater Savannah Realty. Also, many businesses will be collecting among their employees. For toy pick-up, call 658-8851

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

FCC Certification

If you would like to be Federal Communications Commission certified, the Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour, so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for information.

Airframe and Powerplant

Do you want to be A&P certified? The Hunter Education Center is the place to go. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent; so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Road Resurfacing

Duncan Road (400 feet from the Montgomery Gate) southwest to Douglas Road, is scheduled for resurfacing and paving. Construction began Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 27. Flagmen will be utilized and cross traffic will continue.

Motorists are asked to exercise caution in and around the construction area and to drive with care at all times on the installation.

Hunter

Winn Army Community Hospital

Holiday hours

Winn will observe Dec. 24 and 31 as division training holidays. All hospital services will follow the regular business schedule during the holidays. Sick-call will be held Dec. 24 at Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 and Dec. 31 at SFHC #1.

If you feel your illness or injury is of a life threatening nature, report to the Emergency Room for treatment.

Labor and Delivery tour

The next Labor and Delivery tour will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Expectant mothers in their 32nd week, and their partners, are encouraged to take the tour. To register for the tour, call 767-6633.

Prenatal/Child Birth class

The next Prenatal/Child Birth Class will start Jan. 7. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in the dining facility.

To register, call 767-6633. If you have questions, send an e-mail to mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil.

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be 2 to 3 p.m. Jan. 8. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 29 in the library. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Tobacco Cessation classes

The next Tobacco Cessation class at Winn will begin 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

Jan. 9. Tuttle's class will begin 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 8. The Winn class is held for four consecutive Thursdays and the Tuttle class is held for four consecutive Wednesdays. To register, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Volunteer Orientation

A mandatory orientation for all new American Red Cross volunteers will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 10 in the hospital conference room. For more information, call 370-6903.

EFMP Enrollment Orientation

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be holding an enrollment orientation from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 in Building 303. Meet other families and learn about other

community support services. For more information, call Jennie Pullings at 370-6505.

Health care Orientation

Whether new to Fort Stewart or the Army, you are invited to learn how to get the best from your health care services at 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Winn auditorium.

Take a tour of the hospital, learn how to enroll locally in TRICARE, make appointments, refill prescriptions and much more. For more information, call Linda King at 370-6225.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

A nurse line is available for patients at least 20-weeks into their pregnancy who may have questions that can't wait to be answered until their regularly scheduled appointment.

To speak with a nurse, call 370-6550.

Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available on a walk-in basis at the Immunization Clinic. Children 3 and under must have a prescription for the shot. Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6878.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health care services are available to you — from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Holiday cheer visits Stewart, Hunter



Sgt. Brian Sipp

Lt. Col. Gerald Davie, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, gets help "throwing the switch" to turn on the lights for Hunter's Christmas Tree during a ceremony at Hunter Dec. 11. James Degnan, Ju'wan Simmons (hidden), and Gerrie Davie provide the help.



Jim Jeffcoat

Staff Sgt. Gwendolyn Neilson and other members of the 3rd Inf. Div. Band play Christmas carols during the tree lighting ceremony at post headquarters.



Jim Jeffcoat



(Above) Youth from the Fort Stewart stables show off their entrant into the Christmas parade that proceeded the tree lighting ceremony at post headquarters.

(Left) Santa finishes the tree lighting ceremony by interviewing scores of children before retiring for the evening.

SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

On Post

Youth B-ball/cheerleading

Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services basketball and cheerleading from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd, behind Corkan Pool.

Football is open to youth ages 7 to 13. Cheerleading is open to youth ages 6 to 13. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held from 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at the Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd., Bryan Village next to the shopette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Hunter Recreation special

Rent one item for two days, and get the third day free at the Hunter Outdoor Recreation December Special. Call 352-5722 for more information.

Sports USA

Don't miss Monday Night Football at 8 p.m. at Sports USA. Come and watch the game on one of six big screen TVs. Call 767-8715 for more information.

Basketball Tournament

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament will be held Jan. 17 to 19. Entry fee is \$75. The deadline is Jan. 15. Active duty servicemembers only are eligible. A maximum of 12 people, including coaches, per roster is allowed.

Team trophies and individual trophies will be awarded. National Federation Basketball rules will govern play.

For more information, call 352-6749/6572.

Ladies clinic

The ladies free clinic at the Hunter Army Airfield Golf Club has been cancelled for Tuesday and Dec. 31.

Massage therapy

The location of massage therapy has changed.

Massage therapy is now available at Caro Gym Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 767-7090 or 767-4763.

Off Post

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA presents aerobics. The classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month. For more information, call 233-1951.

Half marathon

Marathon fever has made its way to the lowcountry as registration begins for the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon.

The half marathon will be held 8 a.m., Feb. 15. The fee is \$30 if registered before Feb. 8. After this date, the fee is \$40. No race-day registrations will be permitted.

Participants can register at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

A special day on Fort Stewart

Athletes, volunteers gather at Marne Lanes for 2002 Winter Special Olympics

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Staff Writer

The Liberty County Special Olympics held their annual winter games Dec. 6 at the Marne Lanes bowling facility.

More than 150 children from 13 Fort Stewart and Liberty County schools enjoyed a fun-filled day of friendly competition at the lanes.

"This is a chance for the community to see what I see everyday — the limitless potential of these children," said Angie Watson, a teacher of moderate, severe and profound intellectually disabled children in the Liberty County school system.

Special Olympics, more specifically the children involved, hold a place near and dear to the hearts of the many who are involved in their education and mentoring.

"My brother-in-law has special needs," said Tim Norton, adaptive physical education teacher for Liberty County schools. "That's what got me involved (in Special Olympics). I've been volunteering for 12 years now."

Norton interacts regularly with many athletes who competed in the games.

"I travel to six (Liberty County) schools weekly," he said. "And I never see the kids happier than when they take part in the games — it's great!"

A number of working pieces came together to make the winter games possible.

"Fort Stewart and Liberty County are usually looked at as separate entities," said Capt. James P. Harwell, coordinator for the Liberty County Special Olympics. "This is one of the few times organizations from both come together for a common cause."

Over 200 volunteers from the 24th Corps Support Group, 703rd Main Support Battalion and 3rd Squadron, 7th Armored Cavalry, came out to support the athletes.

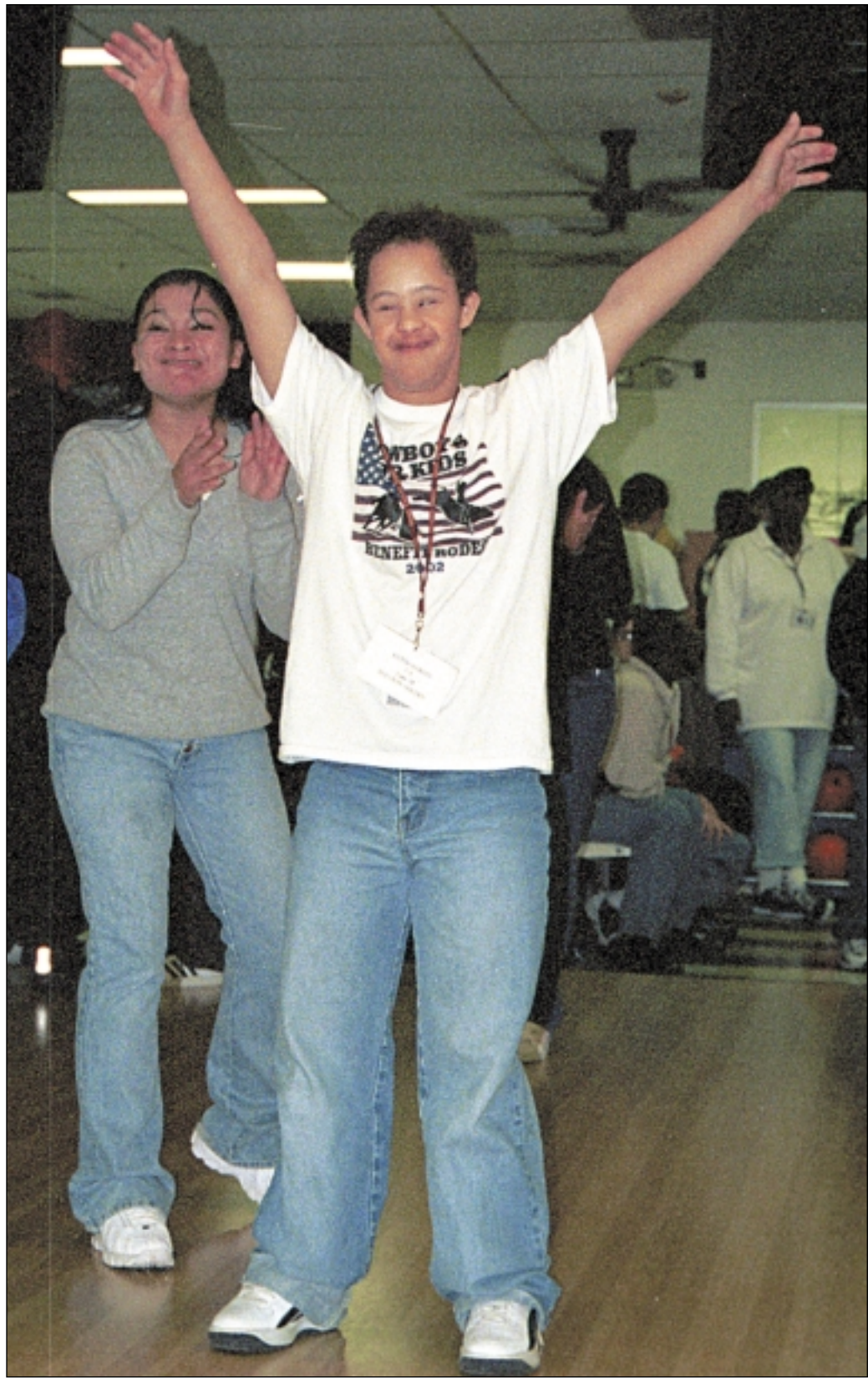
"It's wonderful watching the kids and how proud they are of what they're doing," said Sgt. Amber Demott, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th CSG first-time volunteer. "There are a lot of things I'll appreciate more after leaving (the bowling facility)."

The 3rd Military Police Battalion provided escorts for the buses transporting the athletes from locations throughout the county.

The combined efforts of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, Army Community Service and Marne Lanes bowling facility brought the games to Fort Stewart.

"All of the organizations have worked so hard to make this happen," said John Cusimano, ACS Family Advocacy

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Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Kevin Hardin, 15, of Snelson-Golden Middle School raises his hands in celebration following a spare during the 2002 Liberty County Winter Special Olympics games at Marne Lanes Dec. 6.

Sergeant named U.S. Greco-Roman head coach



Douglas Ide

Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis prepares athletes for competition.

Victoria Palmer

CFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - USA Wrestling named Staff Sgt. Shon D. Lewis, Army World Class Athlete Program Greco-Roman Wrestling head coach, as head coach for the 2003 World Greco-Roman Wrestling Championship.

"It feels outstanding," Lewis said. "I'm excited for this opportunity to lead this team in going to compete in the World Championships."

The USA Wrestling Team selection committee also named Lewis to the coaching staff for the Gramma Cup International Wrestling Tournament in Havana, Cuba, scheduled for Feb. 19 through 28, 2003. The 2003 World Greco-Roman Wrestling Championship is scheduled for Oct. 2 through 5 in Creteil, France.

The is the first time an Army coach has been named as the head coach for a world team, said Paulette Freese, World Class Athlete Program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center here.

"This is the first — and hopefully won't be the last — time I or whoever comes after me will continue to get assignments as the head coach or on the coaching staff, whether it be at World Championships, World Cup or Olympics," Lewis said.

Freese said the World Championships are "the equivalent of the Olympics during a non-Olympic year."

Lewis, an Oakland, Calif. native, joined the Army in 1990 to become an infantryman. He attended the University of Oregon (Eugene) and is a certified Army master fitness trainer.

As a soldier-athlete in the Army World Class Athlete Program, Lewis wrestled in the 63 kilogram division. A 12-time Armed Forces champion and five-time national Greco-Roman champion, he qualified for the 2000 Olympic trials, then retired from wrestling and was named WCAP head Greco-Roman coach.

He was head coach of the U.S. team at the Conseil Internationale du Sport Militaire (International Military Sport Association) world championships in Tallinn,

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92nd Eng. take down 92nd Chem., 46-39

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

The 92nd Engineer Battalion defeated the 92nd Chemical Company 46-39 in an intramural basketball game Dec. 11 at Newman Fitness Center.

The engineers went into their second game of the season undefeated and were determined to keep it that way.

The engineers took the early lead in the first half and by the six minute mark led the game 13-4.

As the half continued, the engineers kept a tight defense and expanded the gap to 18-4 with 3:47 left. As the seconds continued to tick away in the half, the engineers continued to add points to the board.

By the end of the half, the engineers led 27-8.

The half started with the 92nd

Chemical Co. in possession of the ball, and the team members were quick to score. The engineers answered with two of their own, bringing the score to 29-10.

92nd Chem. began an eight-point run beginning with a three pointer from 92nd Chem.'s point guard, Jeffery Sumpter, to bring the score to 29-18 with a little more than 11 minutes in the half.

The drive was ended by a foul that netted the engineers three points, bringing the score to 32-18 with 10:30 left on the clock.

Strong defense and missed shots kept either team from scoring. With 6:27 left, a three-pointer by 92nd Chem. brought the score within eleven points of the engineers.

Back-to-back steals kept the ball on the 92nd Chem.'s side of the court and gave the team the

opportunity to put four more points on the board, bringing the score to 32-25

The engineers answered with two points of their own to make the score 34-25 at 4:11.

With 1:47 left in the half, 92nd Chem. had narrowed the engineers' lead down to four points, bringing the score to 38-34

That would be the closest 92nd Chem. would get to the engineers who rallied with 1:31 left and went on a six-point run to make the score 42-34.

A layup and a free throw gave 92nd Chem. three points which was answered by a long jump shot by the engineers to make the score 44-37 with one minute left on the clock.

Both the engineers and 92nd Chem. scored one last time before the buzzer, ending the game 46-39. The engineers



Sgt. Raymond Piper

A player from the 92nd Eng. goes for the rebound against the 92nd Chem. Co.

Marne Scoreboard

Tournaments

2002 Fort Stewart Holiday Sports Tournament Racquetball	
Senior Division	
1st Place – Stan Johnson HHC, 1st Brigade	
2nd Place – Andrew Williams Svc. Battery, 1st Bn., 4th FA	
Men's Open	
1st Place – Master Sgt. Stan Johnson HHC, 1st Brigade	
2nd Place – Nathan Cook 2nd Bn., 306th FA	
Men's "B" Division	
1st Place – Andrew Williams Svc. Battery, 1st Bn., 4th FA	
2nd Place – Beverly Chrohundro A Co., HQ Cmd.	
Men's Novice Division	
1st Place – Bill Leech 38th EOD	
2nd Place – Travis Rankine HHS, 1st Bn., 39th FA	
3rd Place – Staff Sgt. Celso Pagan HHS, 1st Bn., 39th FA	
Women's Open Division	
1st Place – Beverly Chrohundro A Co., HQ Cmd.	
3-On-3 Basketball	
1st Place	
Terrence Whitehead, 3rd Bn., 7th Cav.	
Eric Hill, 3rd Bn., 7th Cav.	
Patrick Thorton, 3rd Bn., 7th Cav.	
2nd Place	
Gilver Gulla, D Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Avn.	
Fritz Cherizard, D Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Avn.	
Jerrad Lanier, D Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Avn.	
Olando Posey, D Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Avn.	
3-Point Shoot-Out	
1st Place – Adrian Banke, C Co. 703rd MSB	
2nd Place – Olando Posey, D Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Avn.	
Slam-Dunk Contest	
1st Place – Scan Jackson, Family Member	
2nd Place – Andre Green, Family Member	

Women	High Game Scratch	
Men	Barbara Prewitt	191
	Harold Brown	230

Women	High Average	
Men	Sandy mobley	
	Jack Kobusch	

Women	Monday Night Mixed - Dec. 9	
Men	High Series Handicap	
	Nancy McLeod	674
	Cobra Mitchell	708

Women	High Series Scratch	
Men	Linda Golsen	501
	Tim Wingard	629

Women	High Game Handicap	
Men	Jennifer Anderson	279
	James Grace	275

Women	High Game Scratch	
Men	Jennifer Anderson	235
	Tim Wingard	245

Women	High Average	
Men	Celest Graham	179
	Steve Murrill	197



Basketball

Dec. 11	
Pacific Conference	
A Co., 2/7 Inf. (57) vs. A co., HQ Cmd. (39)	
632nd Mant. Co. (34) vs. HHS, 1/39 FA (50)	
B Co., 703 MSB (33) vs. MEDDAC (31)	
B Co., 703 MSB (53) vs. C Co., 3/7 Inf. (30)	
C Co., 3/7 Inf. (31) vs. 103rd MI Bn. (47)	
92nd Chem. (39) vs. HSC 92nd Eng. (46)	
Standings	
Through Dec. 11	
Pacific Conference	
Team	W L Pct.
632nd Maint. Co.	2 1 1.000
HSC, 92nd Eng. Bn.	2 0 1.000
MEDDAC	3 2 .7500
B Co., 703rd MSB	4 1 .600
92nd Chem. Co.	2 2 .600
A Co., 2/7 Inf.	3 2 .500
3rd SSB	1 1 .500
HHS 1/39 FA	2 1 .500
C Co., 2/7 Inf.	0 2 .000
C Co., 3/7 Inf.	0 4 .000
A Co., HQ CMD	0 4 .000

Western Conference	
Team	W L Pct.
369th Trans. Co.	3 0 1.000
Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA	2 0 1.000
HHB, 1/41 FA	2 0 1.000
D Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.	1 0 1.000
A Btry., 1/41 FA	2 1 .600
C Co., 11th Eng. Bn.	1 1 .500
94th Maint. Co.	0 1 .000
C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.	0 2 .000
C Btry., 1/41 FA	0 2 .000
HHT, 3/7 Cav.	0 2 .000
HHB DIVARTY	0 3 .000



AWCAP

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Estonia, Oct. 24-27, and assistant coach of the 2002 U.S. World Team in Moscow, Russia, in September, where he coached WCAP athlete Sgt. Dremiel Byers to a world championship gold medal.

“Byers is only the fourth American to win a world championship in Greco-Roman wrestling,” Freese said. “So Lewis has had a phenomenal coaching history. The Army team is well-known, and he’s been recognized by the wrestling community as an extraordinary coach.”

Lewis said WCAP has played a significant role in his success.

“WCAP means a lot to me as a soldier athlete,” he

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Program manager and volunteer coordinator. “The end result is worth it.”

“This is my fourth Special Olympics,” said Sgt. Norma Kline, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield BOSS president. “If there’s one thing I’ve noticed, it’s that the children who look unsure stepping of the bus in the morning are the same children who look the happiest when getting back on.”

Overall, Cusimano said the games were a great success.

“We had more athletes and volunteers than we could have imagined,” he said. “I know athletes and volunteers alike will leave here with a little more pride, a lot more courage and, most importantly, much more joy.”



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

(Above) Tanesha Reid, 14, of Snelson-Golden Middle School, displays a textbook followthrough en route to knocking down seven pins during the Liberty County Special Olympics winter games.

(Left) Coastal Academy 12 year old Kurtis Doyle maintains focus on his point of aim. The end result — a strike!



Drinking & Driving



Don't Mix



LIFE & TIMES

C SECTION

On Post

Christmas Party

Stewart and Hunter lanes are having Christmas parties Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. featuring free bowling, refreshments and arcade games. Single soldiers, National Guard soldiers, geographic bachelors and friends are welcome. For more information, call 767-7521 or 352-2019.

Celebrate the New Year

Celebrate the new year at Sports USA, Dec. 28 from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. There will be party favors, free T-shirts and hats, and contests and prizes throughout the night. Admission is \$10.

New Year's Eve Party

Come to Club Stewart or the Hunter Club for dancing, karaoke, pool, foosball, dinner and midnight buffets, and the balloon drop on New Year's Eve. Doors open at midnight, admission is \$25.

School Board meetings

Be involved in your child's education and learn what is happening at schools located on Fort Stewart. The following is the school board meeting schedule for Diamond and Brittin Elementary schools.

For the duration of the school year all meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 at Brittin
Feb. 20 at Diamond
March 22 at Brittin
April 17 at Diamond
May 15 at Brittin

Youth Services programs

The Fort Stewart Youth Services offer a wide variety of sports, activities and programs for children to participate in.

The Youth Center, located behind the shoppette in Bryan Village, is open 2:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the programs available to youth, call 767-4491 or visit the center.

Attention waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is a support service for families on post or in the surrounding community who are living separately from their military and civilian sponsor due to mission requirements.

The Waiting Spouse briefing is held 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Army Community Service, Building 470, and is mandatory for those who reside on post and require additional information on installation services.

The Waiting Spouse Support Group is held 10 to 11 a.m. following the briefing each Wednesday at ACS.

For more information, call ACS at 767-5058.

Volunteering

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program needs military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Childcare may be provided.

For more information, call IVC at 767-5058.

Off Post

Holiday performance

Motown performing artist, Corey, will have a special holiday performance for soldiers and family members at Hunter Army Airfield. The musical event will be 7 p.m., Friday at Army Community Service, Building 1286. The concert is sponsored by E-93 JAMZ and is free to all soldiers and family members. For more information, call 767-6533 or 352-5122.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Soldier scouts talent for 2003 Soldier Show

CFSC Public Affairs

Special to The Frontline

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — When Spc. Joey Beebe auditioned for the 2001 U.S. Army Soldier Show, he was excited. When he was selected for the cast, the operating room technician never imagined it would lead to a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Army Entertainment Division.

But it did, and now he's working on the 2003 show. His mission now: to recruit new cast members.

"We're looking for performers and technicians for the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show," said Beebe, who serves as assistant to the show's artistic director, Victor Hurtado.

Auditions are not just for singers, Hurtado emphasized. "I am looking for strong dancers, and I would also like instrumentalists to audition. I don't know what (talent) is out there unless it comes to my attention."

While the show's primary focus is musical and vocal, all types of talent are welcome and will be considered, he said.

Auditions are open to all soldiers on active duty through December 2003. Reserve component soldiers may audition; however, if they are selected, they must be activated for the six months' duration of the tour, which runs from April through October.

To be considered, soldier-performers must submit an audition package that consists of, among other items, a videotaped performance showing their talent, an entertainment resume, a commander's letter of release, their latest evaluation report, and a copy of their most recent Army Physical Fitness Test.

"On the technical side, we not only need lighting engineers and sound engineers, but we are also in need of good leaders with theatrical backgrounds to serve as stage managers and people with experience in construction or electrical work as set builders," said Hurtado.

Soldiers looking for a technical job with the 2003 Soldier Show must also submit a package that contain the same administrative documents in addition to a technical resume and a portfolio with references. The same goes for drivers need-



MWR photo

Auditions for the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2003.

ed for the 44-passenger bus and the 18-wheel tractor trailer that move 20 tons of staging, costumes, lighting and audio equipment.

"Being a part of the Soldier Show is a life-changing experience," said Hurtado, who spent six years of his military career as a performer and technician with the show in the 1990s. "You become part of a rich historical tradition of 'entertainment by the soldier, for the soldier' that began with songwriter Irving Berlin during World War I. You also grow and learn leadership, performance skills, and teamwork."

In January, Hurtado and Beebe, along with Army Entertainment Detachment military staff, will screen the audition packages. A selection committee comprised of civilians and military staff will review the audition tapes, military documents and records, scoring applicants on talent, poise, appearance and stage presence.

A group of up to 30 finalists will be selected to audition in person at the finals in late spring. "Finalists come in for a week to rehearse," said Beebe. "But we also have them set up and take down the 15 tons of staging — that's the unglamorous offstage part of the job, and we need to find out if the soldiers can handle it."

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is one of more than 200 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide through the USACFSC. For additional information, contact **victor.hurtado@cfsc.army.mil**.

How to Audition/Deadline

Auditions are open to all soldiers on active duty through December 2003. Soldiers must meet all active duty requirements. Reserve component soldiers may audition. If selected, they must be activated for duration of tour.

Performers must submit the following items in an audition package:

- 1/2" VHS Demo Tape
- Records Brief
- Commander's Letter of Release
- Entertainment resume
- DA Photo, 3/4 Length
- Latest OER/NCOER
- Copy of most recent APFT

Technicians (lighting, audio, video, set design, stage management) must submit:

- Portfolio/References
- Records Brief
- Commander's Letter of Release
- Technical Resume
- DA Photo, 3/4 Length
- Latest OER/NCOER
- Copy of most recent APFT

Drivers (bus, 18-wheel, van) must submit:

- References, copies of licenses, ratings
- Records Brief
- Commander's Letter of Release
- DA Photo, 3/4 Length
- Latest OER/NCOER

Send package to:

U.S. Postal Service
Army Soldier Show
ATTN: 2003 Selection Committee
PO Box 439
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Express (overnight) Mail
U.S. Army Soldier Show
ATTN: 2003 Selection committee
6091 Jackson Loop, Building 1434
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

The Deadline for entries is Jan. 15, 2003. Entries must be postmarked Jan. 15, 2003. For audition information, check **www.armyentertainment.net**, then click on U.S. Army Soldier Show or email **victor.hurtado@cfsc.army.mil**.



Making safety fun ...



Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

(Above) Sgt. Cynthia M. Hanna, 549th Military Police Battalion, watches over the Moonbounce during a safety day observation at Savannah's Oglethorpe Mall Dec. 7.
(Left) Sgt. Michael N.R. Gardner, 549th Military Police Battalion, fingerprints a child for identification during a safety day demonstration.

Applications for Option Academies now being accepted

School Liaison Office

Special to The Frontline

It's that time again to apply for the Options Academies at the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools.

The program has changed from Magnet to Options Academies. Whether your child dreams of becoming a scientist or an award winning writer, the Options Academies offer rigorous academic programs built around subjects that capture and stimulate your child's imagination and creativity.

Elementary Schools (K-5)

Bartow — Advanced Learning Academy 201-5300
Bloomingdale — Fine and Performing Arts Academy 748-3680
Butler — Micro Society Academy 201-7575
Charles Ellis — (Pre-K-8) Montessori Academy 201-5470
Gadsden — Performing and Fine Arts Academy 201-5940
Heard — Advanced Learning Academy 303-6630
Hodge — Advanced Learning P.R.E.P. Academy 201-5200
Marshpoint — Accelerated Schools Academy 898-4000
J.G. Smith — Traditional Academy 303-6530

Middle Schools (6-8)

DeRenne — Honors Academy 201-5900
Mercer — Renzulli School-Wide Enrichment Academy 965-6700

Schuman — Performing and Visual Arts/Communication Technologies Academy

201-7500

High Schools (9-12)

Groves — International Baccalaureate Academy 965-2520
Groves — School-to-Career Academy 963-7030
Jenkins — Traditional Academy of Academic Excellence 303-6300
Savannah Arts Academy — Dedicated Academy for Visual and Performing Arts 201-5000

Important Dates to Remember:

Jan. 6, 2003 — Applications will be accepted at Academies only.
Jan. 11, 2003 — Academy Expo at Groves High School (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Jan. 13, 2003 to Jan. 23, 2003 — Open House held at Academies. Contact Schools or Academies Office for specific dates and times.
Feb. 7, 2003 — Academy Application Deadline for Lottery
Feb. 21, 2003 — Lottery held at Central Office
Feb. 24, 2003 — Letters mailed to Parents (acceptance/denial/second choice letters)
Mar. 28, 2003 — Deadline for 2003-2004 Pre-registration.
For more information contact the Academies Central Office at (912) 201-4170 or the School Liaison Office at 767-6533.



An old-fashioned day at the Midway Museum for ...

Christmas Tea

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Staff Writer

For most area residents, Saturday was spent at local shops and Savannah malls braving large crowds and tolerating lengthy lines at the check out.

In Midway, just 20 miles south, the roar of the capitalist machine was but a faint whisper.

The Midway Museum, holding their annual Christmas Tea, offered a scenic, peaceful and educational alternative to the holiday bustle; taking visitors back some 225 years to a Christmas – colonial style.

Fully adorned with period décor, the museum was filled with handcrafted floral arrangements, wreaths and candles as dolls, handmade by museum curator Joann Clark, sat under the Christmas tree.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for (visitors) to experience a colonial Christmas," said Clark, who was a fitting hostess in her green satin gown.

In the museum's backyard, the kitchen's fireplace defrosted visitors and volunteers coming in from the outside where the wind chill was below 40 degrees.

Coffee, tea, apple cider and an assortment of homemade cookies, brownies and

fudge also made the kitchen a comforting place to be.

For those willing to brave the elements, David T. Swinford, a 6th grade teacher at Britton Elementary School and lieutenant in the 2nd Georgia Artillery Company (reenactors), was joined by his wife; Joann, and two sons; Chris and David L., in an active demonstration of colonial outdoor living.

The Swinford patriarch, wearing a colonial officer's uniform, described in detail the assortment of British and American muskets he had with him.

For each group who gathered, he fired a round from his American musket and a charge from a 2-inch artillery cannon.

"A group of us from the Fort Morris site started the (2nd Georgia Artillery Company) in 1994," he said. "My involvement in the group, my love of history and my knowledge of firearms has given me the opportunity to teach people a little about our fighting past."

Swinford added, "And my family gets involved."

For the scores of people who visited the museum Saturday, it wasn't about shopping malls, traffic or money. It was about spending time with family – the true meaning of the holidays.



David T. Swinford, a volunteer Saturday for Christmas Tea at the Midway Museum, discusses with a group of visitors the intricacies of preparing a musket for firing.



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

(Above) Joann Clark, Midway Museum curator and Christmas Tea hostess, stands before her colonial-era decorated Christmas tree.

(Left) David L. Swinford, the youngest son of David T., chops wood for the family's fire outside the Midway Museum during Christmas Tea.



(Above) The elder Swinford fires a simulation round from his replica 2-inch artillery cannon. He is a member of the 2nd Georgia Artillery Company (reenactors).

(Left) Swinford takes aim with an American musket dating back to 1775. He took visitors through the step-by-step process of preparing, loading and firing the weapon.

Stewart and Hunter MWR holiday schedule

Fort Stewart Recreation Activities

Stewart Library
Mon. - Thurs., 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
Sat. - Sun., 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Fridays, Dec. 24-25,
and Dec. 31- Jan. 1 and 3.

Fort Stewart Gyms and Gym Operations

Newman Gym
Mon. - Fri., 5 a.m. - 10 p.m.,
Sat., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun. noon - 9 p.m.
Dec. 25, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Jan. 1, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Newman Pool
Mon. - Fri., 6-7:30 a.m. for lap swimming,
Mon., Thurs. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. - Sun. noon to 8 p.m.
Dec. 24-26, 31 and Jan. 1

Mower Gym
Closed
Jordan Gym
Closed (Renovation)
Caro Gym
Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun., noon - 9 p.m.
Closed Dec. 25
Dec. 31, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 1, noon - 9 p.m.

Fort Stewart Outdoor Recreation/Leisure Travel

Leisure Travel
Mon., 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Outdoor Rentals
Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sun.
Dec. 24, and 31 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Pass and Permit
Mon. - Fri., 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat. - Sun., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dec. 24 and 31, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2 - 6 p.m.

Matting
Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3,
10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

Framing
Dec. 21 and 28, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m
Dec. 22 and 29, Closed
Dec. 24 and 31, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Auto crafts
Dec. 20-23, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec. 27-30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Dec. 24 - 26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2.
Skeet/Trap Range
Thurs., 3 - 8 p.m.
Fort Stewart Business Activities Community
Mon., 8 a.m. - 3 p.m
Closed Dec. 24-30 and Jan. 1.
Activities Center
Dec. 31, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Otherwise open Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Club Stewart
Dec. 20, 8 a.m. - midnight
Closed Dec. 21, 23, 24 - 30 and Jan. 1
Jan. 2, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
Jan. 3, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 22, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Open New Years' Eve, 8 p.m. - 3 a.m.

Sports USA
Mon., noon - midnight
Thurs., 4 p.m. - midnight;
Fri., 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Sat., 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Sun., noon - midnight.
Dec. 28, 4 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31

Marne Lanes
Closed Dec. 24-25.
Mon. - Thurs., 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.,
Fri., 11 a.m. - midnight
Sat., 4 p.m. - midnight
Sun., 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 1, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Stewart Lanes
Closed Dec., 22, 23, 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 1.
Dec. 24, 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
Dec. 25, noon - 6 p.m.
Thurs., 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri., 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Sat., noon - 1 a.m.
Sun., noon - 8 p.m.

Taylor Creek Golf
Dec. 23, 8 a.m. - dusk
Dec. 24, 8 a.m. - noon.
Closed Dec. 25
Jan. 1, 7:30 a.m. - dusk.
Daily 8 a.m. - dusk.

Stewart Bingo
Closed Dec. 20th -31st
Jan. 1, at 4 p.m.

Stewart Lodging
Closed Dec. 25
Otherwise open, 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Jan. 1, 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield Recreation Activities

Hunter Gym
Closed Dec. 25
Jan. 1, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hunter Auto Crafts
Closed Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2
Thurs. - Mon., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hunter Equipment Center
Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1.
Mon., Thurs., and Fri., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hunter Pass and Permit
Closed Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1.
Mon., Thurs. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hunter Skeet
Thurs. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - noon.

Hunter Army Airfield business Activities

Hunter Club
Open for private functions only during the holiday period.
Community Activities Center
Closed Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1.
Mon. - Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunter Lanes
Dec. 22, 1 p.m. - midnight
Dec. 23, and Dec. 30, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 26-27, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 25, noon - 6 p.m.
Dec. 31, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 27, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 28, 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Closed and Jan. 1.

Hunter Golf
Dec. 23, 8 a.m. - dusk
Dec. 24, 8 a.m. - noon
Closed Dec. 25.
Jan. 1, 7:30 a.m. - dusk
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - dusk
Sat. - Sun., 8 a.m. - dusk

Hunter Bingo
Mon., Thurs. & Fri., 5 p.m. - midnight
Sat. - Sun., 4 p.m. - midnight
Closed Tues. & Wed.
Closed Dec. 26th - Jan. 2nd.

Hunter Lodging
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
Otherwise open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Hunter Army Community Services, Child Development Services & School Age Youth Services

Army Community Service
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
Mon. - Thurs., 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mid School and Teen
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
Dec. 24 and 31, noon - 4 p.m.;
Mon. - Fri., noon - 5:30 p.m.

School Age - Building 6052
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Mon. - Fri., 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Youth Center Building 6052
Dec. 24, noon - 4 p.m.
Dec. 31, noon - 4 p.m.
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
Mon. - Fri, noon - 8 p.m.

Child Development Center
Closed Dec. 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 and Jan. 1.
Dec. 31, 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Registration FCC, USDA
Closed Dec. 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 and Jan 1.
Dec. 31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fort Stewart Army Community Service, Child Development Services and School Age Youth Services

Army Community Service
Closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1.
Mon. - Thurs., 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Youth Center Child Development Services
Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.
Mon. - Fri., 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

School Age Youth - Building 7097
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Mon. - Fri., 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Mid School/Teen - Building 6571
Closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Dec. 24, Dec. 31, noon - 4 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., noon - 5:30 p.m.

Corkan Gym
Open Dec. 24 and 31, noon - 4 p.m.
Mondays, noon - 8 p.m.
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Registration FCC, USDA
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
Dec. 24 and 31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Deployed for the holidays

Chaplain (Capt.) John F. Jensen
10th Engineer Battalion Chaplain

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — At the writing of this article it is the evening of Thanksgiving Day. A delicious meal was just served in Camp New York Dining Facility. I just called my mother at home to wish her a Happy Thanksgiving. A little later I will call my wife and children to do the same.

But as the day winds down my thoughts turn to the next holiday, Christmas. "Home for the holidays" is an expression and an idea that evokes memories of past holidays spent with family and friends. When people, because of life circumstances, are unable to be home for the holidays it often brings sadness and feelings of loneliness.

As a chaplain I have heard from many soldiers about their experiences of being deployed during the holidays. More than a few have related that they have been deployed for several holiday seasons in a row. Like many societies our society has certain cultural norms or expectations about holidays. Chief among those expectations is that holidays are to be spent with family. I've even heard people say, "Family is what the holidays are all about."

However, in contemplating the cultural significance of these two holidays we should be careful to remember their historical significance. Thanksgiving was initiated by a group of people who had journeyed far from their homeland and had found themselves living in rustic conditions in a sometimes harsh environ-

ment. Yet those sojourners still found reason to pause and render thanks to The Almighty for his providence and blessing.

Christmas was initiated when a young couple was forced by their government to travel many miles from their home to be counted in a census for taxation purposes. On that very first Christmas those travelers did not have the best of living conditions either. During their journey that couple had experienced the birth of their child. That child, many believed, was destined for greatness. In their humble surroundings and in the stillness of the night that first Christmas, the couple found a reason to praise God.

When we take time to contemplate the historical significance of these holidays it becomes easier to understand their theological significance. Theologically speaking, Thanksgiving is not about turkey, pies or football games. Rather it is about being grateful to The Almighty God for all the goodness and mercy He has demonstrated towards us.

Christmas, theologically speaking, is not about lighted trees, tinsel or prettily wrapped presents. Rather it is about redemption from sin. It is a celebration of God pouring himself out into humanity in the person of Jesus Christ in order to save sinners.

The word holiday is a contraction of the two words holy day. Most everyone, myself included, would rather be at home with family and friends during the holidays. Nevertheless, we can joyfully celebrate these holy days while deployed by celebrating God's gracious gifts to

Pet of the Week

Lefty and Righty, eleven-week-old, Golden Retriever/Rottweiler puppies, are two wiggling, wagging bundles of fun.

If interested in adopting them or any other dog or cat, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



GOT PET?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility. For more information, call 767-4194.

Find your loved one.



Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.

American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.

Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.

Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

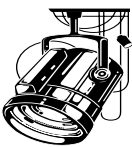
Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Drinking  & Driving 
Don't Mix 

CALL 876-0156 TO
PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

Volunteer Spotlight



Sherrell B. Catchings

Sherrell B. Catchings volunteers for the 3rd Infantry Division Band. Catchings, whose spouse plays in the band, works as a job search and developer. From Baconton, Ga., she says she enjoys volunteering because it’s a chance for her to give back to others. “I can give something back to an organization that has given so much to me — the U.S. Army.” Catchings said volunteering makes her feel good. “I love meeting people from all backgrounds. I like the great feeling I get from helping someone else to obtain or find something they really need. It’s a most rewarding activity.”

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer with ACS, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Dec. 19 - Dec. 25



Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Ghost Ship (R)

Starring: Gabriel Brne, Alex Dimitriades

Thursday at 7 p.m.

In a remote region in the Bering Sea, a boat salvage crew discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. Once aboard, the crew must confront the ship’s horrific past and face the ultimate fight for their lives. Run time: 94 minutes

The Ring (R)

Starring: Naomi Watts, Chris Cooper

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Rachel uncovers a strange videotape which may have been to blame for deaths of local teenagers. An urban legend says that whoever watches the tape will die after seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she’s running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring. Run time: 115 minutes

I Spy (PG-13)

Starring: Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Based on the 1960’s television series I Spy, Secret Agent Scott recruits professional boxer Robinson to help him recover the U.S. government’s spy plane. Run time: 97 minutes



Birth announcements

<p>November 23 Alayzia Lamari Jenkins, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Archaie Thomas and Lovie Jenkins.</p> <p>November 24 Kenyun Martel Andrews, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pvt. Kenyunus Donte Andrews and La’Crystal Nicole Andrews.</p> <p>November 25 NaQuan Kendarious Moffett, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Norris Keyon Moffett and Pfc. Lasheema S. Vickers.</p> <p>November 26 Emily Faith Puckett, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Robert Paul Puckett and Spc. Marcie Jean Adkins Puckett. Demetrious Maurice Naugher, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Clayton Maurice Naugher and Ralsheene Naugher (Kiara).</p> <p>November 27 David Antonio Velazquez, a</p>	<p>boy, 10 pounds, born to Lt. Col. David Velazquez and Linda Velazquez. Isis Marie Wiechelman, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Chad Lee Wiechelman and Melissa Ann Wiechelman. Evan James Smith, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Steven J. Smith and Nicole C. Smith. Kiyana Deshawn Collins-Perry, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Tony E. Perry and Bakeia Collins-Perry. Steven James Bugg, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Thomas Bugg and Liona Bugg.</p> <p>November 28 Shawn Robert Jones Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Shawn Robert Jones and Jennifer Dawn Jones. Caden Adam Smith, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Jonah Adam Smith and Brianne Marie Smith. My’Iana D’Sherese Grant, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to</p>	<p>Spc. Manwell E. Grant and Na’Imah V. Grant.</p> <p>November 29 Cameron Austin McCulley, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Austin McCulley and Felicia McCulley. William Blake Willis, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William G. Willis and Brook L. Willis. Ashauria Shantrell Miller, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Shaun Miller and LaToya Miller. John Carrington Swete Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to 1st Lt. John Carrington Swete and Kenny Beatriz Swete.</p> <p>December 1 Sarah Lynette Muhammad, a girl, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Saad Jihad Muhammad and Yolanda Maria Muhammad. Adia Noel Reynolds, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Spc. Stephen Daniel Reynolds and Rhonda Leigh Reynolds. Hailie Morgan Crepeau, a</p>	<p>girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Andre J. Crepeau and Joanna D. Crepeau. Estrella Jasmine Seabolt, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Mark Andrew Seabolt and Erica Jay Seabolt.</p> <p>December 2 Landon Thomas Hoskins, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Purdell T. Hoskins and Dawnette Robin Hoskins.</p> <p>December 3 Alexanderia Danielle Deans, a girl, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Alexander Daniel Deans and Pamela DeEtta Deans. Jazzmyn Leatrice Armstrong, a girl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to retired Sgt. 1st Class Earnest S. Armstrong Jr., and Jenean M. Armstrong. Samantha Grace Donnelly, a girl, 6 pounds, born to Capt. Samuel T. Donnelly and Ashley Donnelly.</p> <p>December 5 Christian Alias Sunderland, a</p>	<p>boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. John W. Sunderland and Jamie L. Sunderland. Abagail Sandy Johnson, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Christina Johnson. McKayla Brooke Martin, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Lyle Martin and Amy Lee Martin.</p> <p>December 6 Triston Raquel Pyles, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Thomas Pyles and LaShondra Pyles. Victoria Faith Cohen, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Capt. Ron Cohen and Capt. Janice Cohen.</p> <p>December 9 LilyAnna Elizabeth McDaniel, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Brian C. McDaniel and Marie Ann McDaniel. Ciyanna Noelani Karstetter, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Carl Robert Karstetter and Annette Puanani Karstetter.</p>
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